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More troops for Ulster to combat IRA attacks

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The Government acted yesterday to counter the wave of Provisional IRA attacks on police stations in Northern Ireland by announcing that an extra battalion of more than 550 men is being sent to the province this week to be stationed mainly in the border areas.

Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, described the development of the 2nd Battalion, the Royal Anglian Regiment, at joint police and army posts in four of the province's six counties as evidence of the Government's determination to give the Royal Ulster Constabulary, six of whose stations have been attacked since the Anglo-Irish agreement was signed on November 15, the protection if needed.

Speaking on the BBC radio programme, *The World at One*, he angrily dismissed assertions by Ulster Unionist leaders that the move showed a lack of confidence by the Government in the promise of the Dublin Government, as part of the accord, to improve cooperation on cross-border security.

Yesterday's announcement came as the second meeting of the joint Anglo-Irish ministerial conference, set up under the agreement, took place in London. It had been called by the Irish side because of mounting concern over the increased incidence of "supergrass convictions" since the first meeting of the conference.

Mr King and Mr Peter Barry, the Irish Minister for Foreign Affairs, accompanied by their officials, met for several hours, with security one of the agenda items.

In a joint statement issued after the meeting the ministers condemned the latest hunger strike by prisoners at the Maze convicted on the evidence of Harry Kirkpatrick. The hunger strike was to be deplored as a "wrong and wasteful" attempt to bring about change in the informer trial system, the ministers said.

Two of the 27 men sentenced on the evidence of Kirkpatrick, a member of the Belfast Irish National Liberation Army, have started fasting to demonstrate their opposition to the use of "supergrasses".

The ministers said in their statement: "Mr King informed Mr Barry of the facts regarding the current hunger strike in the Maze prison and the rights of appeal available to all those concerned. He explained the policy that no prisoner should be compelled to accept food against his will.

"Mr Barry put forward views and proposals designed to give substantial expressions to the aim of ensuring public confidence in the administration of justice.

"Both sides agreed that the present hungers strike was to be deplored as a wrong and wasteful attempt to bring about change in this area."

The extra troops are being sent in to provide a defensive screen behind which the rebuilding and repair of RUC stations demolished or damaged in the recent attacks can begin.

But Army headquarters in Northern Ireland emphasized that the men would not themselves be involved in rebuilding work. Some Ulster politicians have called for army engineers to take over RUC construction projects abandoned by local contractors after death threats by the IRA against management and workers. An

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1985 police toll

Twenty-three RUC officers have been killed in terrorist attacks this year, the highest toll since 1976. The year's attacks on RUC stations:
February 28: Nine officers, including two women, die when a Provisional IRA mortar bomb hit canteen, Newry police station, Co Down.
August 20: Mortar attack on RUC station, Downcastle, Co Down. No injuries.
November 7: Mortar bomb hit police locker room in RUC base, Newry. No injuries.
December 8: Two RUC officers killed in mortar and machine-gun attack, Ballygawley, Co Tyrone.
December 12: Six policemen injured in mortar attack, Tynan, South Armagh.
December 20: Six RUC men hurt in mortar attack, Castlederg, Co Tyrone.



Mrs Mandela in vehement argument with police as she was arrested yet again trying to drive to her Soweto home.

British fan jailed for 40 months

A Liverpool football supporter who attacked an Italian fan with an iron with an iron bar after the ill-fated European Cup final in May was jailed for 40 months by a Brussels court yesterday.

James McGill, aged 21, was found guilty of knocking Signor Carlo Duchene, aged 32, unconscious with an iron bar. Signor Duchene has in coma for more than a month.

The assault was not part of the riots that preceded the Liverpool-Juventus final in which 39 people were trampled or crushed to death when British fans charged into an adjacent stand filled with Italian supporters.

McGill had denied the charges and had expected to be freed after spending seven months in prison since his arrest. He was led away still protesting his innocence.

After the sentence, his lawyer, Mr Ribert de Baerdemaeker, said McGill could be out within a year if he qualified for full two-thirds remission on his 40-month term.

But he also warned that the Prosecutor, who had called for an exemplary length of imprisonment, could appeal for a maximum five-year sentence.

McGill was the last of the Liverpool fans still held following arrests after the game.

The court heard earlier this month that it took four policemen, three double doses of valium and a strait-jacket to restrain McGill when he was arrested during a scuffle.

McGill denied hitting a Spaniard and an Italian with an iron bar, but police witnesses said he concealed the blood-stained weapon under a Union Jack wrapped around him.

The injured Italian hairdresser, who had spent 50 days in a coma, had now given up work because of partial paralysis resulting from head injuries, the court was told.

Yesterday the judge, Michelle Berelymoumt, said the sentence she was handing out reflected "the climate of violence" at the stadium that night and the "dramatic consequence" of the attack.

McGill was then taken away, pausing briefly to comfort his mother and sister. He told reporters: "I was expecting to go home. I was innocent. I'm not too happy at the moment."

He said he had spent 23 hours of Christmas Day locked in his cell at a Brussels prison.

The court also fined McGill 15,000 francs (£200) and ordered him to pay 24,000 francs towards damages estimated at five million francs.

Prosecutor Frans Lebrun said during the trial earlier this month that he "did not want to make McGill suffer for all the deaths of the Heysel" drama.

Football Association chairman, Mr Bert Millichip, welcomed the sentence. "I hope

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Police hold Winnie Mandela a third time

From Michael Hornsby
Johannesburg

The South African police yesterday arrested Mrs Winnie Mandela, the wife of the jailed black nationalist leader, Mr Nelson Mandela, on the road between Jan Smuts airport and Johannesburg in the full view of the world's television cameras.

A police squad car, its siren wailing, forced Mrs Mandela's car off the road. She was then dragged from the vehicle, shouting and protesting. "Don't touch me with those hands. I don't know that you haven't got Aids", she yelled at one white policeman.

She was eventually taken to a police station in Krugersdorp, about 30 miles to the north-west of Johannesburg. Her lawyers were told that she was being held under Section 50 of the Criminal Procedures Act and would appear in the Johannesburg magistrate's court today

It was the third time since December 21 that she has been arrested for contravention of a government edict prohibiting her from being in the magisterial districts of Johannesburg and Roodepoort, in which Soweto, Johannesburg's sprawling black satellite township lies.

The Mandela family home is located in the Orlando West district of Soweto, and Mrs Mandela has resolutely refused to obey the Government's decree, declaring that "no honourable human being could do so.

On December 23, after being arrested the previous day and spending a night in custody, she appeared in the Johannesburg magistrate's court, and was released without bail on a warning to appear in the Krugersdorp magistrate's court on January 22 to face charges still being formulated by the state.

She then returned briefly to her Soweto home, which was at once surrounded by the police, who threatened her with rearrest unless she left. Later that day she flew to Cape Town, where her husband is being held

Yesterday's arrest occurred as Mrs Mandela's car, pursued by a weaving convoy of press and police vehicles, crossed the Johannesburg district boundary. A white policeman opened the door of the car, told her she did not have a permit to be in Johannesburg, and asked her to accompany him as he did "not want to use force".

Mrs Mandela could be heard angrily arguing with him. The policeman then seized her by the arm and started to pull her from the car, provoking more shouts and protests. A white policeman tried to take her grandson, Zondwa, whom she had been cradling in her arms, and more scuffling ensued before Mrs Mandela was led away.

Washington links Gadaffi with Abu Nidal terror

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The Reagan Administration, declaring that "terrorism cannot go unanswered", yesterday closely linked Colonel Gadaffi of Libya with Abu Nidal, the renegade Palesunian terrorist leader suspected of masterminding last Friday's airport bomb attacks in Vienna and Rome.

A toughly-worded statement, while warning against retaliation that would feed a cycle of violence, nevertheless appeared to leave the door open to Israel to retaliate. The statement evidently softened the impression given by the White House over the weekend that Israel was being cautioned against a tough military response.

In pointing an accusing finger at Libya the State Department said: "We believe Gadaffi has given Abu Nidal and his group a considerable amount of financing and assistance."

The State Department said as a general response to terrorism, "the military option is one that we have always retained". It emphasized agreement with a statement by Mr Bettino Craxi, the Italiam Prime Minister, that states which protected and armed terrorists "bear responsibility for the attacks".

Significantly, the State Department spokesman remarked: "I would have no comment on the details . . . on any sort of contingency plans". He added: "We have always retained the right to respond to terrorist acts in an appropriate, measured, focused way, and other victimised states have a similar right."

He announced the US was opening new consultations with United Nations member countries on a fresh attempt to isolate further Colonel Gadaffi and to seek tighter security controls, improved intelligence gathering and sharing, and to increase economic and diplomatic pressures.

He said the US was working with allies in Europe and elsewhere to improve cooperative action against terrorism and to develop joint actions in a variety of areas. International terrorism was costing countries, airlines and tourism billions of dollars.

● **ROME:** The sole surviving guerrilla from the attack on Rome airport has told police his group had intended to take hostages and commandeer a plane, police sources said yesterday (Reuter reports).

Mohammed Sarham, recovering from bullet wounds in hospital, said the group would then have forced the plane fly to Israel and possibly crash at Tel Aviv.

Fifteen people, including three Arab guerrillas, were killed and 73 injured in Friday's attack at Fiumicino airport.

In Vienna, where three people died in a simultaneous attack on Schwechat airport, the Austrian Interior Minister Mr Karl Blecha told reporters the guerrillas had also planned to take hostages and escape by hijacking a plane.

The Rome sources said Sarham, who claimed to come from Beirut, told investigators that eight other guerrillas were to carry out similar attacks on other airports, including Paris's Charles de Gaulle airport, and Madrid.

He said he and an accomplice, Mohammed Hussein, who died in the attack, first stayed in Geneva where they were given money and instructions.

They travelled by train to Rome and waited in cheap hotels for the two other guerrillas, whom they had not previously met.

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Zia repeals martial law in Pakistan

From Hasan Akhtar
Islamabad

Martial law was lifted in Pakistan yesterday with President Zia telling Parliament that the constitution was being restored in full.

He said that martial law courts and offices had been disbanded, pending military court trials were being sent to civil courts and that almost all martial law regulations and orders had been repealed.

General Zia seized power in a bloodless coup in July 1977, from Mr Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, the prime minister, who was hanged two years later after being found guilty of ordering a political murder. At the time the Army chief promised to lift martial law within 90 days. His period of martial rule was the fourth – and longest – in Pakistan's 38-year history.

Mr Mohammad Khan Junejo, nominated Prime Minister in March this year by General Zia after non-political parliamentary elections, said in Parliament's special session that his Government had decided to restore constitutional fundamental rights in the country, for the first time since they were suspended in 1965.

General Zia, yesterday warned parliamentarians that they should keep past mistakes in mind while reviving political parties after martial law ended.

● **British hope:** Britain welcomed President Zia's announcement as "a step towards the restoration of full democracy"

The United States has "heartily" welcomed the Pakistan move but the Soviet news agency Tass described it as a farce. Analysis, page 8
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Thatcher-Kinnock clash over outlook

By Philip Webster, Political Correspondent

Sharply contrasting forecasts of the prospects for Britain in 1986 are delivered today by the Prime Minister and Mr Neil Kinnock in their new year messages.

While Mrs Margaret Thatcher states that Britain is "bouncing back" and has worked her way back to the top of the economic league table, the Labour leader predicts that the country faces another year of "rack and ruin, division and decay".

In one of her most upbeat assesments on the state of the economy, the Prime Minister says that more and more British companies are walking off with the prizes and bringing jobs to Britain; the country is exporting far more goods and services than ever before and paying its way in the world. She speaks of "a resurgence of enterprise", thousands of extra firms and hundred of thousands of extra jobs to prove it.

The picture portrayed by Mr Kinnock is starkly different. Manufacturing investment is 20 per cent lower and output 6 per cent lower than they were in 1979; interest rates higher for longer than at any time in modern history; and the tax burden 15 per cent higher than it was in 1979.

"The very sinews of development, from training to shipping to construction and research, have been shrivelled, and the growth rate is slowing," he says.

The Prime Miniser, attacking politicians who she says latch on to problems, ignore the successes and talk Britain down, says: "Let us back those companies, management and workforce who are breaking all export records. Let us back those trade unionists who, instead of striking and bringing their company to a standstill, vote to stay in work. Let us back the men and women of enterprise who have the get up and go to start up in business of their own . . . Above all let us back Britain and take pride in our success."

Stating that Britain enters 1986 with the future looking good, Mrs Thatcher says there is a return to clear beliefs and traditional values that the law must be upheld.

Mr Kinnock speaks of "another year of decay under a giveaway government that is selling off public assets, losing current and future income, erasing public obligations, concentrating wealth in fewer hands and making our country a haven for our competitors."

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Husain in Damascus to end Arab rift

Damascus (Reuter) – President Assad of Syria and King Husain of Jordan held two rounds of talks yesterday, and Jordanian officials said the two countries would soon exchange ambassadors as a mark of their new-found friendship.

It is the King's first visit to Damascus for nearly seven years, sealing the rapprochement mediated by the Arab League.

The Syrian news agency Sana said the two leaders conferred on Middle East developments, joint Arab action and bilateral relations, but gave no details. Delegations headed by their prime ministers met separately.

The King's visit comes after four meetings between the two prime ministers since September. Five years ago Jordan and Syria went to war and reduced their diplomatic representation to below ambassadorial level.

The mediation was through one of three Arab League committees set up by an extraordinary Arab summit in Casablanca in August to try to reconcile differences between Arab states.

King Husain last visited Damascus in January 1979, when relations were strained by Syrian charges, denied by Amman, that Jordan was aiding members of the fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood, responsible for anti-government attacks in Syria.

● **JERUSALEM:** Mr Yitzek Rabin, the Israeli Defence Minister, said yesterday that King Hussein's visit to Damascus could harm chances for direct negotiations between Jordan and Israel.

Bradford fire heroes take honours list pride of place

By Colin Hughes

The heroes of the Bradford football fire tragedy, in which 56 people died, take pride of place in the New Year Honours list published today.

Awards go to five members of the rescue services whose bravery and dedication saved the lives of many in May when the main stand at the Valley Parade ground was engulfed in flames.

A knighthood for political services goes to Mr Gordon Reece, who is credited with softening Mrs Margaret Thatcher's image and playing a crucial role in helping her to win two general election victories.

In the sporting world, there are MBEs for Steve Cram, the record-breaking athlete, Peter Shilton, the England and Southampton goalkeeper, and John Francome, Britain's most successful National Hunt jockey for decades who has now switched to training horses.



From left: Mr Joseph Greig (BEM), Miss Barbara Steele (MBE) and Mr John Settle (OBE).

Only one new life peer is created, with a barony for Sir Frederick Dainton, an internationally renowned scientist who is Chancellor of Sheffield University and chairman of the British Library Board.

There are the now customary knighthoods for a group of loyal and senior Conservative backbench MPs. They are Mr Richard Body, MP for Holland with Boston since 1966, Mr Adam Butler, a former minister who entered Parliament in 1970, and Mr Trevor Skeet, a Bedfordshire MP for 15 years.

The actress and Beryl Reid is appointed OBE and Mr Shaw Taylor, the television presenter of the *Police 5* programme, is created MBE.

Knighthoods have gone to several industrialists as well as to a key City figure.

The industrialists include Mr Godfrey Messervy, chairman and chief executive of Lucas Industries; Mr David Plastow, managing director and chief executive of Vickers; and Mr John Milne, chairman and managing director of Blue Circle Industries.

The honour is also conferred on Mr Derek Palmar, chairman of Bass, Britain's biggest brewer, as well as on Mr John Dent, chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority.

A knighthood also goes to Mr Ian Fraser, who retired as chairman of Lazard Brothers, the merchant banker, in August and who has spent about thirty distinguished years in the City.

The highlight of the list undoubtedly are the heroes of the Bradford fire disaster.

Awards include an OBE for Mr David Sharpe, consultant plastic surgeon for the Bradford health authority, whose

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Four held on bank charges

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Kinnock downgrading of state control plans dismays Labour MPs

By Stephen Goodwin

Labour MPs on the left and right of the party were dismayed and somewhat confused yesterday by Mr Neil Kinnock's weekend statement downgrading renationalization in the priorities of an incoming Labour government. He was accused by one senior MP of "shooting from the hip".

Contrary to Mr Kinnock's move to put state control on a back burner, it emerged that a top-level working party is considering how best British Telecom and British Gas can be returned to the public domain.

Chaired by Mr John Smith, Labour's trade and industry spokesman, the group intend to put detailed proposals to next autumn's party conference. Trade unionists and legal experts are involved in the deliberations.

There are, however, understood to be differences of approach within the group as to the form of state control and the method of compensation for shareholders.

One solution would be outright renationalization of British Telecom and British Gas, assuming that the latter is successfully privatized, but senior Shadow Cabinet figures do not expect that course to be followed.

Nor is there much support for the idea of a 51 per cent controlling interest because that is not felt to give the State sufficient power to direct important public utilities.

Legal advice is being taken on a new concept of company which would preserve the idea of employee shareholders within a State-owned industy. Employee shareholders would enjoy not just financial benefits but also a form of voting rights.

The working party is also studying the possibility of exchanging Government bonds for shares. It is argued that such a swap would not immediately drain much-needed public resources, but there are implications for the gilts market to be explored.

Mr John Golding, MP for Newcastle-under-Lyne and political officer of the National Communications Union, said yestrday that the unions in British Telecom expected the Labour Party conference commitment for top priority to be given to the renationalization of the company to be picked up when the manifesto is drawn up.

"To do this means that a share-bond swap scheme will have to be divised which means that no public money will need to be found.

"I an confident that John Smith will be able to present Neil Kinnock with a scheme for renationalization which will not stand in the way of creating jobs and can therefore be given top priority", Mr Golding said.

Criticism of Mr Kinnock from the Labour left focused on his statement that renationalization would have to take its place "in a pretty long queue". It was said by the left to be a "personal view" and not party policy.

Mr Eric Heffer, MP for Liverpool, Walton, said Mr Kinnock's view might be shared by the majority of the Shadow Cabinet but it had certainly not been before Labour's national executive.

"There will be a lot of disquiet in the party over the whole thing", Mr Heffer said. "I would have thought before one lays down priorities there needs to be a lot more discussion than we have had on this."

Ever since 1979, when the Conservatives started to privatize enterprises, Labour has promised to renationalize them. Mr Kinnock now appears to be watering down that commitment by giving employment measures and investment greater priority.

The Labour left want not only to take back recently privatized industries but also positively to extend public ownership.

Mr Heffer, however, had no quarrel with his party leader over the proposal that in the event of renationalization City institutions would receive only the amount of money they had paid for shares in industries such as British Telecom.

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, accused Mr Kinnock of "penal expropriation" by suggesting that Labour would make no allowance for share price movement or inflation.

There is concern too among Mr Kinnock's supporters that he may not have thought through the pensions implications.



Mrs Lucy Scott-Taggart, who received a heart-lung transplant at Papworth Hospital, Cambridgeshire, on Christmas Day, with her husband Christopher yesterday toasting her second chance of life, the health service and the new year.

Building societies in Ulster accused of anti-Catholic bias

Only 17 per cent of the employees of nine national building societies operating in Northern Ireland are Roman Catholics, against about 40 per cent of the Northern Ireland population at large. Ulster's Fair Employment Agency has found in a nine-month investigation.

The Duke of Norfolk, Britain's most senior Catholic layman and president of the Building Societies Association was said to be appalled at the findings which were disclosed yesterday and are to be published in full in the next few weeks.

The investigation will be followed by reports in the next few months on Ulster's banks and insurance companies.

The nine building societies examined account for about 90 per cent of all building society employees in Ulster. Of a total of 691, 118 are Catholics.

There are no Catholic regional managers and only 9 per cent of branch managers and 16 per cent of Assistant managers are Catholics.

In the Belfast branches Catholic employment is as low as 12 per cent against he 31 per cent Catholic proportion of greater Belfast's population. Between individual societies Catholic employment varies from 4 per cent to 46 per cent.

Only two of the societies investigated, the Alliance and Leicester, and the Anglia, are found by the agency to have been conscious of their duty to provide fair employment opportunities and to achieve equality.

The seven which have failed to do so in spite of declaring their best intentions, are named as the Abbey National, Gateway, Halifax, Leeds, Nationwide, Progressive and Woolwich.

The agency recommends that they advertise every vacancy clearly specifying the criteria for each job.

Individual branch managers, acting alone should no longer be responsible for selecting staff and each society should appoint a senior executive to monitor its employment practices, the agency adds.

Lord King's 67% pay rise

Several directors of British Airways, which is due to be privatized next June, received big salary increases this year (Jeremy Warner writes).

Lord King of Wartnaby, the chairman, received a 67 per cent rise, going from £30,820 to £51,419 and the salary of Mr Colin Marshall, the chief executive, went from £78,720 to £96,852.

They are revealed in the company's report and accounts for the year to the end of last March which was published yesterday after a long delay caused by the settlement of outstanding litigation over the collapse of Laker Airways.

Alliance a focus of hope, Steel says

By Our Political Staff

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, in his new year message condemns the antics of Conservative and Labour politicians and describes the Liberal-Social Democratic Party Alliance as the "focus of hope" for the decent majority in 1986.

"Every patriotic citizen must have been appalled at the stridency and slanging between leading Tory and Labour politicians, inside and outside Parliament as the old year drew to a close," Mr Steel says.

Alliance members have made considerable capital out of the angry confrontation between Mr Norman Tebbit, the Conservative Party chairman and Mr Neil Kinnock the Labour leader in the Commons shortly before the Christmas recess.

Mr Tebbit's taunting of the Labour leader over Liverpool militants earned him a series of vituperative attacks by Labour MPs in speeches outside the Commons. Further proof of the rottenness of the two-party system in Mr Steel's eyes was the scuffle between Conservative and Labour MEPs outside the European Parliament in Strasbourg.

"In the year of Handsworth and Tottenham, the best contribution of these senior politicians has been to increase the torrent of abuse and recrimination," Mr Steel says.

"We are looking at the bitter bankruptcy of an entire political system. 1985 has made me more convinced than everthat the historic mission of the Liberal-SDP Alliance is to break the stifling grip of the old politics."

Mr Steel sayd that most people want to find co-operative ways of addressing the deep social problems of a divided society and to see a new partnership in industry to create wealth and share fairly. He maintains that only the Alliance can make it possible.

As the next election draws closer, the Liberal leader says its is the task of the Alliance "to give voice, expression and ultimately power to the decent majority of British people who are not prepared any longer to be misled and misrepresented by the old gang".

Looking back, Mr Steel says that 1985 has not been a year of which Britain can be proud. "We have seen no check in the slide towards our becoming what Prince Charles called a fourth-rate nation.

"Charles Dickens wrote eloquently of *Bleak House*. Under Mrs Thatcher our country had become Bleak Britain, lacking hope and generosity, condemning millions of people to the scrap-heap and closing down factories and workshops."

Key bank staff on strike

The use of Midland Bank cash dispensers and the issue of statements are likely to be disrupted today because of a 24-hour strike, which started last night by 400 key computer staff.

The staff at five computer centres are striking in protest at the bank's refusal to give an undertaking to make no compulsory redundancies during the reorganization of its computer department and to improve shift allowances.

The staff's union, the Banking, Insurance and Finance Union, said last night the action could be repeated if the demands were not met.

Farley's staff return to work

The 300 workers at Farley Health Products, in Kendal, returned to work yesterday more than a week after the factory closed for checks to be made for *salmonella ealing*, the bacteria found in infants suffering from food poisoning.

Mr Brian Hales, South Lakelands chief environmental health officer, said yesterday that no traces of the bacteria had been found in the factory, among the staff or in any products returned so far. Checks were continuing, he said.

Test-tube baby doing well

Noel McNally, the first test-tube baby born to parents who are both thalidomide victims, is "sound and healthy", according to staff at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast.

The boy weighed 7lb 1oz when he was born by caesarean section a week ago. Mrs Yvonne McNally, aged 23, of Glengoland Park, Belfast, who was born without arms, had an operation five years ago which left her unable to conceive normally.

Manpower survey

Job prospects fail to improve

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

For the first time in five years a survey conducted by Manpower, the temporary staff specialists, has shown that job prospects in the new year have failed to show an improvement over the previous year.

Manpower says that, although the first quarter of the year is traditionally the most depressed for job prospects, fewer employers now plan to expand their workforce than 12 months ago.

The company has surveyed 1,629 employers who together employ more than three million staff. Only one in five, 20 per cent, plans to increase staff in the first quarter of the new year compared with 26 per cent in the last quarter of 1985 and 24 in the first quarter of this year.

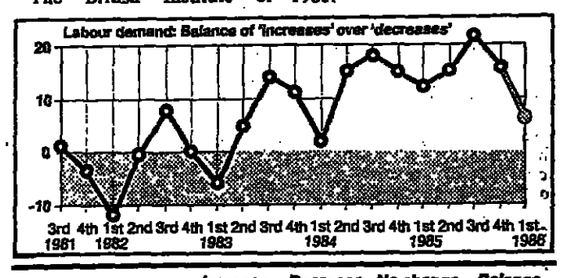
Cuts in staff in the first quarter of next year are forecast by 14 per cent of employers, compared with 13 per cent in the corresponding period this year and 10 per cent in the last quarter of this year.

Employers in the retail, hotel and catering sector, the area where the Government has been hoping to create jobs, are more pessimistic than at any time for years and, in manufacturing, employment prospects are predicted to be the lowest since the spring of 1981.

In the public sector, more employers (19 per cent) and predicting job cuts than those (12 per cent) predicting increases. The most buoyant areas are in banking and insurance and in textiles.

The British Institute of Management said yesterday: "The only bright spot that we are seeing is that there is some increase in demand for people in the Thames Valley and in Bristol, and in one or two pockets in the South-east.

For the table below, employers were asked: "Do you expect an increase, decrease or no change in the staffing levels at your location in the next three months to end March 1986?"



	Increase	Decrease	No change	Balance
This coming quarter	20	14	63	+ 6
Last quarter	28	10	61	+16
This time last year	24	13	63	+11

Source: Manpower Ltd.

'More people doing two jobs'

By Donald Macintyre
Labour Editor

An increase in people doing second jobs accounts for up to 40 per cent of the increase in total employment since 1983, according to a TUC analysis circulated to union leaders this week.

A document for next week's meeting of the TUC economic committee strongly challenges the Government's argument that there has been a significant recovery in employment since 1983.

Government figures show that between June 1983 and June 1985 the numbers employed, including self-employed, rose by 443,000. Because that was more than offset by a continuing growth in the labour force, unemployment continued to rise.

The TUC paper argues that the "recovery amounts to a handful of jobs for part-time female wokers in some service sector industries, with a more substantial increase in self-employment".

The TUC paper maintains that the former category of part-time women workers "starts to evaporate" when the full and growing extent of "double jobbing" is taken into account.

The assumptions by the TUC analysts are based in part on the Manpower Services Commission's quarterly labour market report which in September suggested that about 750,000 people now hold a second job and that even that figure may be "an underestimate of the true extent of multiple job-holding". The report said that the percentage of those employed holding second jobs had risen from 2.1 per cent in 1981 to 3.0 per cent in 1984.

Typically, the report said, such jobs were part-time involving fewer that 10 hours a week and yielding about £20 a week. They were most common in the managerial, administration and personal services; about a third were self-employed and they were among all age groups, although they were less common among those aged between 16 and 24.

The TUC report, which maintains that the real job shortage is about four million, argues that even the 600,000 increase in self-employment since 1980 should not necessarily be read as a net rise in the total of those employed, as there is a "strong suspicion that much of this growth is at the expense of full-time direct employment". That is thought to apply particularly to construction.

TUC call for Cabinet that listens

Mr Norman Willis, the TUC general secretary, in a new year message, tells Mrs Margaret Thatcher and her colleagues to be like the trade union movement and "listen to the facts".

He says: "We cannot afford another year of wishing and hoping that the problems will go away. We still have record unemployment and a slower rate of manufacturing growth than our competitors and we invest far too little in research and development and in education and training.

"But most crucially, we still have a government that will not listen to the facts.

"In the trade union movement we have done just that. At times it has been a difficult and even bruising process.

"The result is that we begin the new year with a new unity and a new determination to promote the policies which we believe will get Britain moving again.

"If the Government would only show courage and face up to its responsibilities, there would be a real chance of a brighter 1986".

● In a statement to coincide with his taking office as general secretary of the General, Municipal Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union tomorrow Mr John Edmonds said that "in defending trade unions we have sometimes appeared to have forgotten working people."

Unions have to shed their "selfish and self centred" image and stop giving the impression that "we are only interested in defending the privileges of a few union leaders," Mr Edmonds said last night.

In a far-reaching criticism of many trade union attitudes, and his first key public statement since being elected to succeed Mr David Basnett last autumn, Mr Edmonds said that "we must remind the British people, and perhaps ourselves, that our sole moral purpose is to help working people to help themselves."

Laird fears rights threat to unions

By Our Labour Editor

A strong attack on systems of "positive rights" for workers of the kind now being advocated by some senior union leaders is launched today by Mr Gavin Laird, general secretary of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers.

Mr Laird argues that such a system would lead to the "rapid development of the conditions in which workers feel they don't have to belong to a trade union".

A growing lobby in the Trades Union Congress and the Labour Party advocate some form of "positive rights" system to be introduced by a future Labour government to replace the trade union immunities withdrawn by the present Government's employment acts. The issue will be discussed at a conference in March.

In an article in the engineering union's journal, Mr Laird uses the analogy of the Redundancy Payments Act, for which the trade union movement campaigned energetically, only to find that the pay-outs made under the Act, undermined trade union opposition to closures.

"Legislation that establishes statutory organizations through which employees are encouraged to pursue their own grievances can also be counter-productive to trade unionism," Mr Laird argues.

He cites the United States where the proportion of workers in trade unions has declined from 35 per cent to less than 19 per cent since 1954. This is partly because of the growth of "sunrise" high technology industries, but also, Mr Laird contends, because of the existence of the National Labour Relations Board, which services "whole areas of employer-employee relations which we in this country usually see as the prerogative of collective bargaining between trade unions and managements."

Mr Laird says that the board has been an important factor in the decline in the size of American unions.

Print union talks at TUC

Print union leaders are expected to be called to a special meeting of the TUC print industry committee next week to discuss the announcement by Mr Rupert Murdoch, chairman of News International, that he was going ahead with plans for newspaper production at the company's plant in Wapping, east London (Our Labour Editor writes).

The meeting will give the five main print union leaders their first formal chance to discuss the move since Mr Murdoch's statement on Sunday that he was going ahead with his plans to produce the new *London Post* without their agreement.

If the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunications and Plumbing Union is represented at the talks it is likely to come under pressure from some print union officials to say how it intends to answer the letter from Mr Norman Willis, general secretary of the TUC, warning it against making a single-union deal at Wapping.

Electronic mail licence eased

Companies offering advanced telephone services such as electronic mail or data transmission, need only apply for one licence instead of two under a new proposal published by the Government yesterday.

Electronic mail and telephone answering services are typical examples of value-added services. The proposal is meant to further encourage the liberalization of the telephone network and encourage competition with British Telecom.

Patrick Moore hurt in fall

The television astronomer, Patrick Moore, has broken his left shoulder blade after slipping on wet ground at his home in West Sussex while attempting to photograph Halley's Comet. The accident happened just before Christmas.

Ferry talks

Talks aimed at ending the 17-day-old Townsend Thoresen Channel ferry dispute resumed yesterday after ending without agreement at the weekend.

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Loyalty plea by Scargill

Mr Arthur Scargill yesterday urged his members to "remain loyal to one union, the National Union of Mineworkers", in the new year and "to fight the real enemy, the coal board and Tory Government, whose aim is to close pits and reduce manpower and privatize the coalmining industry".

The NUM president, speaking in Sheffield, said the breakaway miners' union had failed to achieve its initial target of 60,000 members. "it does seem to have achieved half that figure".

Mr Scargill said there was an awareness in the industry that there was only one way to tackle the coal board on a whole range of issues; "that is with one united union".

He said that the NUM was delighted that the Union of Democratic Mineworkers was not making significant gains. Ninety per cent of miners at Bursham in North Wales had voted to stay in the NUM, and at Daw Mill in Warwickshire a significant number were applying to rejoin the NUM.

"There is a recognition by miners at every single pit where there has been any move to establish a breakaway that their only future lies with the NUM."

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The politics of unemployment: 2

'Let enterprise flourish' is ministerial aim

The creation of an environment in which enterprise can flourish is the Government's aim and many of its special employment measures are geared to that end.

Perhaps the one programme that most closely reflects the Goverument's philosophy is the Enterprise Allowance Scheme which seeks to encourage entrepreneurial talent by helping unemployed people to set up businesses.

But while small businesses and self-employment are seen by ministers as helping to rebuild the country's economic base, that effort, critics say, will be wasted unless urgent action is taken to remedy Britain's poor trading record.

A highly critical report, commissioned by the Manpower Services Commission (MSC) and the National economic Development Office from Coopers & Lybrand Associates, the management consultants, accuses industry of being complacent and unwilling to invest in training.

Mr Ken Graham, one of the original MSC commissioners, said in a recent article that while £1 billion a year was being spent on the Youth Training Scheme, adult training was the "cinderella" of the MSC, accounting for only £250 million of its spending.

In the second article of a five-part series on government attempts to bring down unemployment before the next general election, David Felton, Labour Correspondent, examines two programmes in particular, the Enterprise Allowance and Youth Training schemes

Industry's performance compares badly with its competitors; British companies commit only 0.15 per cent of turnover to training, compared with 1 per cent to 2 per cent in other countries. A big campaign is being started by the MSC to bring training to centre stage.

The Adult Training Strategy, through various subsidiary programmes, has been dvised by the MSC to campaign for a greater awareness and understanding of the need for adult training and will give training next year to about 260,000 people, half of whom will be unemployed.

Critics say that that is not sufficient to meet the country's needs. Running at a tangent to the training argument is another, and in some ways more significant, debate about how adult training should be funded and whether companies' reluctance to invest can be overcome only by the introduction of a levy or a legislative framework.

The Enterprise Allowance Scheme (EAS) launched in 1983 has had an impressive start and is being expanded to provide assistance to 80,000 people who want to start businesses. Recent research by the MSC has shown that for every 100 businesses set up, 99 jobs are created.

The EAS, which runs for 12 months, gives budding businessmen and women a £40-a-week taxable allowance on condition that they are prepared to invest £1,000 in the project. Most of the businesses are in the service sector and, in the initial stage at least, are usually the typical "one man band" of hairdressing or car repairs.

Although the scheme has been criticized for doing little for wealth generation, the Government announced this month that 60 per cent of the first 500 people who took advantage of the full 12-month allowance in pilot schemes are still trading three years later.

The scheme is being developed as it goes along, with the necessary qualification period of unemployment now being reduced from thirteen to eight weeks and a greater amount of counselling being given to participants before they launch their businesses.

The EAS is one of a multitude of schemes operated by the MSC from a budget which next year will rise to £2.9 billion. Except for the Community Programme, the largest part, about £1 billion, goes to the Yough Training Scheme which, from April will be developed into a two-year programme.

Providing two years' training for unemployed 16-year-olds and one year for those aged 17 will enable the Government to offer a guarantee that no school leaver in future needs to be jobless.

Youngsters will have a range of options, including finding a job, going into further full-time education or, failing those two, will be offered a place on the YTS.

Much of the early criticism of the YTS, often described as "slave labour", has stopped.

The MSC is also taking a greater interest in the educational field, and the Technical and Vocational Education Initiative, which will soon be adopted by every education authority in the country.

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Operation to help stroke victims is useless, scientific study concludes

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

An international scientific study has concluded that a surgical operation regularly performed in Britain is useless.

The operation, extracranial-intracranial arterial by-pass, is intended to reduce the recurrence of stroke, the third largest cause of death and disability in the West.

The results of the study, which involved seven years' work, have led British neurosurgeons to reconsider the operation as an option for treating stroke patients.

In the study, 700 patients who had recently recovered from a stroke underwent the surgery, while 700 others received conventional medical treatment.

Twenty per cent of those who had the operation had a single stroke within the next five years, compared with 18 per cent of the medical cases.

Eleven per cent of the surgical patients suffered two or more strokes, compared with 10 per cent of the others.

Surgeons have resorted to the operation since its introduction 16 years ago in the belief that it protected patients who had suffered a minor stroke and made a good recovery.

It has been considered appropriate when there is evidence of arterial disease within the skull in inaccessible regions at the base of the brain.

The operation calls for considerable expertise and training in microvascular techniques. It is relatively safe, although costly in terms of surgical time. About 200 such by-passes are performed in Britain each year.

One of its leading practitioners, Professor Roger Greenhalgh, professor of surgery at Charing Cross Hospital, London, said: "I will not abandon the operation. But I believe the study will lead to an even more rigorous selection of patients for this type of surgery than there is at present.

"I have been performing this operation for about eight years and none of the patiens has since died or developed serious problems as a result.

"The study is very impressive, but it fails to show that some patients will have benefited. It is terribly important that we can identify those to whom the operation will be of no benefit, so that we can save them the ordeal of unnecessary surgery.

"The last thing we must do is alarm patients. I believe this surgery is of value to those who have been most carefully selected to receive it."

Dr John Wade, a senior registrar in neurology at the National Hospital for Nervous Diseases in London, took part in the study. He said: "I believe the results emphasize the need for adequate trials when new surgical or medical treatments are introduced.

"If the risk of recurrence of stroke is relatively small even when nothing is done at all, the doctor may incorrectly attribute his patient's wellbeing to the surgery rather than the natural history of the untreated condition."

Professor Greenhalgh and colleagues are soon to devote more time to investigating methods of screening against stroke. "We must concentrate on finding effective ways to detect those people who are at great risk, and take preventive action", he said.

An editorial in the current issue of *The Lancet* praises the study, which it describes as "a landmark trial in the assessment of anysurgical procedure, and certainly in the surgical prevention of stroke".

The study cost $9 million (about £6.2 million). *The Lancet* says: "The cost was high but it will be repaid many times over if we accept the results and divert health care resurces into things that do have an impact on reducing the incidence of stroke".

Source: *The New England Journal of Medicine*, November 7.



Adam Lerner, aged five, being helped yesterday with a historical project by Mr Richard Tracey, Under-Secretary of State at the Department of the Environment, at Hampton Court Palace. Children's holiday activities, including painting, designing and making masks, shields and banners, are also being held for the first time at Kensington Palace State Apartments, and the Banqueting House, Whitehall (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

Travel firms try to stop World Cup hooligans

By Alan Hamilton

Travel agents offering package tours to the World Cup football matches in Mexico next June are taking precautions to ensure that, so far as possible, British football hooligans are eliminated from the terraces.

Advertisements have begun to appear in the Press offering all-in tours, ranging from an 18-day package at £975 to see England, Scotland and Northern Ireland play their qualifying matches, up to a 30-day holiday for £1,500 to include the final.

About six tour companies, all with previous experience of overseas football packages, are offering tours to Mexico.

Mr David Dryer, of the Ilford-based Holiday Shop company and an experienced travel consultant who worked on tours to the 1982 World Cup in Spain, said yesterday that all the companies involved would be checking the names of supporters who made bookings.

"The specialist tour companies have many regular clients whom they already know. But anyone unfamiliar applying to join a package will have his address noted, and his name will be checked against lists of troublemakers held by football clubs in his own area. If he is a known troublemaker, obviously his booking will not be accepted", Mr Dryer said.

The travel industry expects about 8,000 British supporters to book package tours to Mexico, but it cannot estimate how many will make their own arrangements to get there.

Vetting is likely to be particularly strict in Scotland, where for several years the Scottish Football Association has run its own travel agency and where, thanks to careful organization, smaller numbers, and legislation banning drink from grounds, hooliganism at football matches appears to have been brought under control.

The English Football Association does not have an equivalent travel agency of its own. "The (English) FA does so little to help its supporters to travel abroad that we sometimes suspect they do not want them to go at all", Mr Dryer said.

BBC denies plan to drop TV series

By Our Arts Correspondent

The BBC denied that it was planning to drop its controversial *Rough Justice* programme after it was disclosed that the Director of Public Prosecutions is considering a police report on one of its programme's editions.

The report was produced by West Yorkshire police, which was criticized, by *Rough Justice* for its handling of the investigation of the murder of Carole Wilkinson in Bradford. Anthony Steel, who was jailed for life for the crime, continues to maintain his innocence, and the case was investigated by the *Rough Justice* team.

The report produced by the police examines the interview methods used by the BBC, but it has been sent to the DPP for examination only

It is thought that the DPP's office may raise the issue with the BBC directly if if supports the criticisms made by the police of the methods used by the programme.

A month ago the programme was criticized for the interview tactics used in a programme about a robbery case. Mr Anthony Mycock was freed on appeal, but the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lane, said that the interview methods were "outrageous" and an "investigation by menaces".

Dallas return to BBC 'no nearer'

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

BBC1 television is planning its schedules for the next three month without *Dallas*, the American soap opera which is the subject of a wrangle between it, the programme's American distributors, and Thames, the independent television company which outbid the corporation for the series nearly a year ago.

Thames was abandoned by its independent television colleagues over showing the series in the autumn, and the BBC had hoped to regain the programme, with about £300,000 from Thames to seal the deal, for showing over Christmas.

But yesterday Mr Michael Grade, controller of BBC1, said that the show was no nearer returning to British television screens. "Lawyers are still poring over the small print. Documents are going backwards and forwards between New York and London. I hope it's not going to be too long before it's back on the air. The sooner it comes back the better."

Mr Grade, launching the channel's programmes for the first quarter of 1986, also hinted that Selina Scott, the presenter, might be leaving the BBC's *Breakfast Time* programme.

Miss Scott is to appear in a six-part series in which she interviews people from the remoter parts of Scotland. "It remains to be seen whether Selina will be staying at breakfast television," Mr Grade said. "I want her to be happy. I don't think it is a great secret that she doesn't enjoy getting up at three o'clock in the morning."

The corporation will be spending £40 million on its new year programmes, with 21 new shows in the next three months and 27 new productions of former successes.

The corporation's two early evening innovations, the soap opera *Eastenders* and the Terry Wogan chat show, will celebrate their first anniversaries.

The children's series *Grange Hill*, will be given its longest run yet of 24 episodes and features a storyline about drug addiction.

Rowan Atkinson will return with *Black Adder II*, and comedy series coming back include *Ever Decreasing Circles*, *I Woke Up One Morning*, *Sorry!*, and *Hi-de-Hi!*

The BBC Natural History unit will be behind a series about British wildlife, called *The Living Isles: A Natural History of Britain and Ireland*.

Panorama is to present an investigation of drug trafficking and Sir Robin Day will return with *Question Time* which celebrates its 200th edition on January 9.

Travel pills abused by addicts

Sales of the travel sickness remedy Marzine are being restricted by Pharmacists because the pills are being used as a substitute by heroin addicts (our Science Correspondent writes).

Some addicts have suffered severe psychotic disturbance after taking large doses of the pills, the project director of a drug-help charity said yesterday.

The charity, Turning Point, has written to the Government asking for the pills to be made available by prescription only, after cases of abuse have been reported in recent months.

The Pharmaceutical Society has told its 34,000 members that they should dispense Marzine themselves rather than allowing unqualified assistants to sell the tablets.

Flood clean-up kills woman

Mrs Lillian Arnell, aged 62, collapsed and died as she tried to clear up water from a burst pipe in her home in Marlowe Avenue, Swindon, Wiltshire, after the fire brigade said the flood was not deep enough for them to come out.

Wiltshire fire brigade said last night: "We are satisfied that the correct procedures were carried out. Our equipment simply is not built to pump out water of depths under two or three inches."

Drink-drive fine for detective

A detective sergeant said to be "deeply ashamed" after a positive breath test was fined £250, with £59.02 costs, by Hendon magistrates yesterday, and banned from driving for 15 months.

Gilles Hanton, aged 35, of Potters Bar, Hertfordshire, admitted driving with excess alcohol at Edgware Road, West Hendon, north-west London, on December 13.

£2m to fight drugs in schools

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

A total of £2 million is being allocated next year to tackling drug misuse in schools and colleges in England, according to an announcement from the Department of Education and Science yesterday.

The money, which means an average of £20,000 for each of the 96 English education authorities, will enable councils to appoint a *full-time* co-ordinator to link with the education and other services in dealing with drug abuse.

The *£2 million grant is part* of £40 million given to local *authorities through education* support grant expenditure *under a total of* 12 headings next year, 1986-87.

The *new category of funding* was introduced by Sir Keith *Joseph, Secretary of State* for Education and Science, two *years ago to enable him to* control a small proportion of education spending. Under it, 0.5 per cent of rate support grant money is withheld from the local authorities which are invited, instead, to bid for it under a range of headings.

Next year money is being allocated to five new areas: two are concerned with special education, one is for the drugs danger, another for training school governors and the fifth for education for the adult unemployed.

Mr Bob Dunn, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Education, said the response from local authorities had been most encouraging. They had put forward highly imaginative proposals for dealing with the drug situation.

Of the £40 million allocated under education support grant spending next year, £18.6 million is committed as a result of projects approved last year. The new money amounts to £21.5 million. All 96 authorities invited last August to take part have done so. There have been more than 900 bids, of which 553 have been accepted.

Other areas to be supported with the money are: science and technology in primary schools; curriculum improvements in rural primary schools; educational needs of ethnic minorities; retraining and updating for industry; support for parents of the under-fives; and strengthening of college/employer links.

A total of £1 million is going to education for the adult unemployed under a programme called Replan.

Freephone sale link to Harrods

By Bill Johnstone
Technology Correspondent

Shoppers in the United States who want to buy special items in the Harrods January sale are being treated to a free transatlantic phone link. It is the first time such a service has been offered by a British department store.

The London store has received 500 calls since the service was launched in the US on Sunday. The freephone link will be available to American shoppers until January 5, three days before the doors are open to British bargain-hunters.

"I would hope that we would get responses in excess of 2,000", Mr Frank Drewitt, managing director of Harrods, said.

The service is limited to certain cashmere items of clothing and does not include all the items in the sale. Customers in the US will ring 1-800-248 5555, the toll-free number, and buy by credit card.

Labour 'will ban all hunts with dogs'

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent

A Labour government will ban "all forms of hunting with dogs", Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, has told hunt supporters. He has made it clear that the ban will apply to hare-coursing.

His statement has been made in letters to hunt supporters who have asked for clarification of his party's position in the light of its 1985 conference debate about animal welfare.

Mr Kinnock's letters make it clear that he expects the party to enter the next general election repeating the commitment in its 1983 manifesto to ban the hunting of live prey with hounds.

He says that the hunting ban is one of three animal welfare priorities for the next Labour government. The others are to make animal protection laws cover all zoo, wildlife park and farm animals, and to organize research into alternatives to using animals in laboratory experiments.

The hunting commitment goes further than the party's 1979 manifesto undertaking to ban the hunting of stags and hares. Mr Kinnock makes it clear that the latest policy applies to fox hunts as well.

His statement shows that Labour's policy is again close to that of the League Against Cruel Sports.

The British Field Sports Society said: "We are sorry that they have not learnt the lesson of the last election."

The Masters of the Foxhounds Association Association said: "If there were no hunting it would not make life better for the fox. There is always poisoning and snaring if the present method of control is made illegal."

Warmer weather to usher in new year

The new year will open with warmer weather, bringing relief to motorists, fell-walkers and household pets who have suffered from the recent freezing temperatures.

Although the temperatures yesterday fell to -15°C in Aviemore, Scotland, with some heavy snowfalls still forecast for today in the West Country, Wales, Northern Ireland, north-west England and west Scotland, the London Weather Centre predicted that temperatures will tomorrow return to the annual average of about 5°C.

The Royal Automobile Club said calls from members were up by 60 per cent.

Overall 1985 was a cooler than normal year, with below average sunshine and more rain. Forecast, back page

Shot man is improving

The man shot during the Christmas siege in a west London flat is not expected to suffer permanent damage, doctors said yesterday. A bullet penetrated Mr Errol Walker's skull to a depth of an inch. Mr Walker, aged, aged 30, was taken from the flat in Northolt, west London, in a wheelchair and later underwent emergency brain surgery.

A spokesman for the National Hospital for Nervous Diseases, in London, said yesterday that his condition was "much improved". "There was no significant loss of brain function," he said.

Detectives have been waiting to interview Mr Walker since the 29-hour siege ended on Boxing Day.

Mr Walker was wounded when police stormed the flat, hurling stun grenades

Assault charge

Peter Ryan, aged 35, who was arrested after the armed police siege in Twickenham, south-west London, appeared before Richmond Magistrates' Court yesterday, charged with assaulting Mr Brian Tunmore, aged 37, and unlawfully imprisoning him for seven hours on Sunday.

He was also accused of threatening to destroy his council house in Beards Hill, Hampton, Middlesex.

Princess Anne and Bob Geldof top radio poll

Princess Anne and Bob Geldof, the rock star turned charity organizer, have won the *Today*, the BBC Radio 4 programme, personalities of the year awards (our Arts Correspondent writes).

The awards' organizers said that the results, announced today, were dominated by votes for those involved in humanitarian work instead of the politicians who normally dominate the informal listeners' poll.

Princess Anne took 75 per cent of the votes in the women's section, with Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the winner for the past three years, coming second.

Mr Geldof was run a close race by the Archbishop of *Canterbury's* special representative, Mr Terry Waite, who has been involved in several hostage negotiations.

Mr Arthur Scargill, last year's winner in the men's section, failed to rate a mention in the top 20. Third place went to Mr Norman Tebbit, followed by the Bradford headmaster, Mr Ray Honeyford, Rabbi Lionel Blue and, in sixth place, the position achieved by his wife in the women's section, the Prince of Wales.

Rock singer is seriously ill after collapse

Phil Lynott, aged 35, the rock singer, was seriously ill with a kidney and liver infection in a hospital intensive-care unit last night after collapsing during the Christmas period.

His estranged wife, Caroline, and her father, Leslie Crowther, the entertainer, yesterday visited the Salisbury General Hospital, where the singer's mother, Phyllis, is keeping a bedside vigil.

After his collapse Lynott, a former Thin Lizzy lead singer, was taken to a clinic near Salisbury, which specializes in treating alcohol and drug addiction, arrangements were then made for him to be admitted to Salisbury Infirmary.

Kent pits' profit

The Kent coalfield made a profit of almost £1.2 million last month.

Craig-Bentley trial evidence 'was withheld'

An application to take out summonses against four former police officers who were at the scene of the shooting of Police Constable Sidney Miles on a warehouse roof in Croydon, south London, in 1952 was refused by Croydon magistrates yesterday.

Mr Philip Huxley, aged 62, a freelance writer, of Glastonbury Road, Morden, south London, claims that evidence was withheld at the trial of Christopher Craig and Derek Bentley.

PC Miles was killed when Craig allegedly shot him. Bentley was hanged, but Craig, then a juvenile, was saved from the gallows because of his age.

Mr Huxley said he would appeal to the High Court. He alleges unlawful arrest against Fred Fairfax, a detective constable at the time, James McDonald and Norman Harrison, who were police constables; and Leslie John Smith then a chief inspector.



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Richard Luce (PC): *Conservative MP for* Shoreham who resigned from the Foreign Office, where he was under-secretary of state, with Lord Carrington after Falklands invasion. Returned as *Minister of State in* 1983.



John Moore (PC): *Conservative MP for* Croydon Central, aged 48, Financial Secretary to the Treasury. Career in banking and stockbroking in Chicago and involvement in Democrat politics 1962-65. Director, then chairman of Dean Witter *International*



James Gordon Reece (Kt): *Former* head of press and publicity at Conservative *Central Office, he is* largely credited with "softening" of Mrs Thatcher's image, although he does not acknowledge this. He is a former journalist with newspaper and television *experience.*



Sir Joshua Hassan QC (KCMG): Chief minister, Gibraltar. Aged 70, called to the Bar 1939, Bencher of Middle Temple since 1983. Mayor of Gibraltar 1945-50 and 1953-69. Leader of Opposition, Gibraltar House of Assembly, 1969-72.



Garfield Todd (Kt): Aged 77, member of Senate, Parliament of Zimbabwe, since 1980. Leader United Rhodesia Party 1953-8, and Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia. Arrested by Smith regime in 1965 and 1972. Adviser to Joshua Nkomo, Geneva 1976.



Jack Hayward (Kt): Aged 62; chairman Grand Bahama *Development Co;* millionaire and philanthropist nicknamed "Union Jack" for his patriotism; this year gave £1 million *towards cost of* sheltered housing for the elderly on the *Falklands Islands;* OBE 1968.



The Duke of Norfolk (GCVO): Aged 70, Earl Marshal, premier Duke and Earl, and hereditary Chief Butler of *England. He is also,* despite his view that the Roman Catholic Church's teaching on birth-control is "nonsense", the elected president of the Catholic Union.



Richard Sharp (OBE): A former *stand-off half for* Oxford University, Wasps, Redruth, England and the British Lions; chairman of the South West Council for Sport and Recreation and a member of the South West Regional Sports Council.



Patrick Hamilton Moberly (KCMG): Aged 57, a career diplomat since 1951, and Britain's ambassador to South Africa since 1984. A former assistant under-secretary of *state at the* Foreign and Commonwealth Office, he was *ambassador to* Israel from 1981 to 1984.



Alec McCowan (CBE): Aged 60, he was Stage Actor of the Year in 1970, and appeared in the 1984 television series, *Mr Palfrey of Westminster.* His films include *Travels with my Aunt,* and *Stevie.* Awarded the OBE in 1972.



Beryl Reid (OBE): Television, radio, film and stage actress, aged 65. Her *films* include *The Killing of Sister George, Entertaining Mr Sloane* and *The Belles of St Trinians.* She won the BAFTA Best Actress award *in* 1983 for *Smiley's People.*



Shaw Taylor (MBE): The presenter from the start of *Police 5,* the programme on crime started by Associated Rediffusion in June 1962 and broadcast now by Thames Television. He took the job initially as a six-week fill-in.

New Year Honours in full

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Moore, John Edward Michael, MP for Croydon Central, for political service.

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Body, Richard Bernard Frank Stewart, MP for Holland with Boston, for political service.

Butler, Adam Courtauld, MP for Bosworth, for political service.

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Dent, John, Chairman, Civil *Aviation Authority.*

Elton, Geoffrey Rudolph, Regius Professor of Modern History, University of Cambridge.

Forrest, Andrew Patrick McEwen, Regius Professor of Clinical Surgery, University of Edinburgh.

Fraser, Ian James, Lately Chairman, Lazard Brothers and Co Ltd.

Hayward, Jack Arnold, for charitable services.

Irvine, Bryant Godman, for political service.

Kilpatrick, Professor Robert, Chairman, Advisory Committee on Pesticides.

***McLellan,** Colonel Herbert Gerard* Thomas, for political and public service.

Messervy, Roney Godfrey Collumbell, Chairman and Chief Executive, Lucas Industries plc.

Milne, John Drummond, Chairman and Group Managing Director, Blue Circle Industries plc.

Odell, Stanley John, for political and public service.

Palmar, Derek James, Chairman, Bass plc.

Plastow, David Arnold Stuart, Managing Director and Chief Executive, Vickers plc.

Reece, James Gordon, for political service.

Shaw, Brian Piers, Chairman and Chief Executive, Furness Withy and Co Ltd.

Skeet, *Trevor Herbert Harry,* MP for Bedfordshire North, for political service.

Smith, David Cecil, Sibthorpian Professor of Rural Economy, *University of Oxford and* Biological Secretary, Royal Society.

Smith, Francis Graham, Professor of Radio Astronomy and Director, Nuffield Radio Astronomy Laboratory, *University of* Manchester.

Thwaites, Bryan, for services to the National Health Service and to Education.

Warnock, Geoffrey James, Principal, Hertford College and former Vice-Chancellor, University of Oxford.

West-Russell, His Honour Judge David Sturrock, President of the Industrial Tribunals for England and Wales.

ORDER OF THE BATH
GCB

Stowe, Sir Kenneth Ronald, Permanent Secretary, Department of Health and Social Security.

KCB

Andrew, Robert John, Permanent Under Secretary of State, Northern Ireland Office.

Bradshaw, Kenneth Anthony, Clerk of the House of Commons.

Perry, David Howard, Chief of Defence *Equipment* Collaboration, Ministry of Defence.

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Jones, Miss Gwyneth, singer.

Shenfield, Mrs Barbara Estelle, chairman WRVS.

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Elizabeth David (CBE): Her cookery books like *A Book of Mediterranean Food* have reshaped eating habits in thousands of homes; she has also written for *Harper's Bazaar*, and *The Spectator*. She was awarded the Chevalier du Mérite Agricole in 1977.



Rowland Hilder (OBE): Painter, born in Long Island, United States, of British parents; aged 80. A watercolourist who has written several books on technique; has exhibited at the Hayward Gallery in London.



Kathy Cook (MBE): has won more athletics medals than any other Briton at major games, never failing *to get a sprint* relay medal at any championship; was Olympic 400 metres bronze medal winner in 1984.



Steve Cram (MBE): World, European and Commonwealth 1,500 metres champion and Olympic silver medal winner; in 1985 set three world middle-distance records in 19 days, including the Mile in 3min. 46.31sec.



John Francome (MBE): retired this year after a career in which he was Champion Jockey seven times; holds the record for the most number of winners ridden by a National Hunt jockey – 1,138.

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GCVO

Norfolk, Duke of, Miles Francis Stapleton

KCVO

Bengough, Colonel Piers.
Gibbs, Eustace Hubert Beilby.
Miles, Peter Tremayne.

CVO

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MVO

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Gold

C S Dickman.

Silver

H E Lomb.

Silver (Bar)

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BAHAMAS LIST

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

OBE

B A Cambridge, serv to comunty and to music.

MBE

Miss S L Ferguson, serv to sport; Mrs D E Tinker, serv to comunity.

NEW ZEALAND LIST

KNIGHTS BACHELOR

Clark, Thomas Edwin, for services to manufacturing, export, sport and the community.
Southward, Leonard Bingley, for services to the community, especially the disabled.
Todd, Reginald Stephen Garfield, for services to Africa and New Zealand.

ORDER OF THE BATH

CB

Maj-Gen J A Mace; Dr M C Probine, chm, state serv comm.

ORDER OF ST MICHAEL AND ST GEORGE

CMG

B J Cameron, ltly dep sec for just; J T Graham, chm, N Z Dairy Brd.

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

DBE

Horsman, Mrs Dorothea Jean, for services to the community.

KBE

Begg, Dr Neil Colquhoun, for services to New Zealand Historic Places Trust and the community.
Jamieson, Air Marshal David Ewan, Chief of Defence Staff, Royal New Zealand Air Force.

CBE

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MBE

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(military division)

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BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL

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QUEEN'S COMMENDATION FOR VALUABLE SERVICE IN THE AIR

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ORDER OF ST MICHAEL AND ST GEORGE

CMG

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Biggest change for 50 years

Act reforms powers of police

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Legal Affairs Correspondent

Sweeping reforms to police powers and procedures, with new safeguards for citizens' rights come into force tomorrow under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984.

The Act, the biggest change to policing for 50 years, reforms police powers of stop and search, arrest, and entry and seizure.

It creates a new statutory scheme of detention in police custody, subject to review by the courts, up to a maximum limit in the most serious cases of 96 hours before charges. The Act also introduces the first statutory rights to legal advice for suspects in custody, to be provided by a national on-call duty solicitor scheme.

The discredited and little-known Judges' Rules which governed police procedure are replaced by codes or practice of detention and questioning, searches and identification parades.

The codes, which have parliamentary approval, will be available as a booklet from the Home Office for £3 and mean that for the first time the public will known exactly what the police are entitled and not entitled to do.

They have gone out to all 120,000 police officers in England and Wales and will also be available to suspects in police custody.

The Act also reforms the law of criminal evidence so that spouses can be compelled to testify against one another and so that microfilm and computer records are admissible as evidence.

From tomorrow solicitors throughout the country will be on 24-hourly call to give free legal advice to suspects in police stations under the national duty solicitors scheme.

In spite of earlier threats of boycott, several thousand solicitors have enlisted for their local rotas under the scheme, which is costing £20 million a year, one-third of the entire cost last year of criminal legal aid.

Under the scheme, serious offences liable for more than five years' imprisonment qualify in effect for unlimited legal advice.

All other offences qualify for only £50 worth, which is two hours including a solicitor's travelling time to the police station. People helping police voluntarily with their inquiries in connection with any offence qualify for the £50 limit only.

It is estimated that 350,000 suspects in custody a year will want legal advice, one-third of them from the duty solicitor rather than their own solicitor.

Mr Giles Shaw, Minister of State at the Home Office, said yesterday that January 1 was an "historic occasion" marking the beginning of a new era of modernized and codified police powers.

"Much effort has gone into identifying the powers that the police need in combating crime on our behalf, and spelling out those powers in terms that the police and the public alike can understand, and which at the same time provice the safeguards necessary to protect the rights of the individual citizen."

Under the Act, there are also clearer and wider powers for setting up road blocks, where police have a reasonable suspicion that a "serious arrestable offence" has been or may be committed, or where some one has escaped from custody.

The "serious arrestable offence", a key provision of the Act which triggers many of the new powers such as extended periods of detention beyond 24 hours without charge, covers all offences liable for five or more years' imprisonment. That includes murder, rape, kidnapping, and offences of terrorism and state security.

Police will have power to stop and search "on reasonable suspicion" of stolen goods, offensive weapons, housebreaking tools, and other items connected with theft, obtaining property by deception, or stealing motor vehicles.

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Mr Giles Shaw, Home Office minister, who said the reforms marked a new era

Code aims to ban propaganda on rates

By Colin Hughes,
Local Government
Correspondent

The Government wants to include unpaid publicity such as press releases and committee reports in a code of conduct aimed at ending propaganda on the rates.

Local councils are being circulated with a draft code, issued by Mr William Waldegrave, the Minister for Local Government. It will form a main plank of provisions contained in the Local Government Bill, due to be debated in the House of Lords at the end of next month.

Apart from paid publicity such as press and broadcast advertising, leaflets and exhibitions, the proposed code also covers media interviews, consultation documents and press conferences.

Associations representing local councils are being asked to respond to the draft, which will probably come into force next summer, once the Bill is enacted.

It suggests laying down convertions that information should be presented objectively, and only when it is relevant to the councils' functions and services.

Publicity should also avoid being over-simplified or personalized, should not use politically controversial slogans, and should not attack directly the policies and opinions of other political parties.

Ministerial concern about Greater London Council anti-abolition posters, which included photographs of the Prime Minister, have led to the inclusion of a section banning material which inpugns individuals' integrity, or is personally denigrating.

Mr Waldergrave wants a section which bans material being sent out unsolicited to the public on controversial issues, unless the information "clearly affects them".

The Local Government Information Unit, funded by 60 of the Labour councils whose activities are most under threat from the proposed code, said yesterday that "the Government's package is just plain daft and dangerous".

Air check-in staff in security protest

Check-in staff at Manchester airport yesterday staged a three-hour protest at inadequate security measures in response to the terrorist attacks in Vienna and Rome (Amanda Haigh writes).

The staff, from British Airways, Sabina, Lufthansa and Swissair, walked out of the check-in area as passengers arrived for the weekly El Al flight to Tel Aviv. They were demanding a separate check-in area for El Al passengers with increased security.

Mr Barry Stubbs, chairman-elect of the Airline Operators' Committee, said flight had not been delayed and staff had continued their work in another part of the airport.

Manchester airline operators recommended six months ago that El Al passengers should be dealt with separately under greater security. At a meeting yesterday the airport authority was again pressed to agree to that proposal.

A review of security measures at British airports, particularly Heathrow, is under way after the murders in Rome and Vienna.

Metal barriers were positioned in the road outside El Al's check-in at Heathrow's terminal three yesterday.

Hijack foiled, page 8

Third murder at farm suspected

Detectives investigating the murder of Mr Richard James Thomas, a farmer, and his sister, Helen, said yesterday a third person might have been injured or killed at the couple's home neat Milford Haven, west Wales.

Blood has been found in an outbuilding close to the burnt-out section where the two were found dead from gunshot wounds.

Fewer cases of drink-driving

The campaign against drink driving in Staffordshire seems to have been a success, according to figures released yesterday. Positive breath tests were less than half last year's numbers.

A total of 27 motorists have failed the test since December 21, compared with 59 in the corresponding period last year.

In Nottinghamshire, the police said yesterday that they were well satisfied with the response so far to their campaign. After 12 days 3,774 motorists have been breath-tested with 98 positive results.

Derbyshire police did not carry out a drink driving campaign this year. Since December 20, figures released yesterday shows, 543 drivers have been breath-tested, whom 43 were found to be over the limit.

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Council not liable to owners of a defective building

Investors in Industry Commercial Properties Ltd v South Bedfordshire District Council and Others

Before Lord Justice Slade, Lord Justice Robert Goff and Sir John Megaw

[Judgment delivered December 20]

A local authority that approved building plans and carried out inspections of a site on which warehouses with totally defective foundations were built owed no duty of care and were thus not liable in negligence to the owners of the buildings.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by South Bedfordshire District Council from Judge William Stabb, QC, sitting as an official referee, who had held that that local authority pay damages to be assessed to the plaintiffs, Investors in Industry Commercial Properties Ltd.

Mr Piers Ashworth, QC and Mr *Adrian Brunner* for the local authority; Mr Stanley Brodie, QC and Mr Andrew Pugh for the plaintiffs; Mr Stephen Desch, QC and Mr H de Lotbiniere for Hamiltons, the third party.

LORD JUSTICE SLADE, giving the reserved judgment of the court, said that the plaintiffs' claim arose out of the rapid disintegration and subsequent demolition of two of four warehouses built on the Spinney Pool Estate at Leighton Buzzard: a site that was once an exceptionally large pool and had then been filled in by tipping. The demolition was a result of inadequate design of the foundations.

Despite their denying negligence or breach of statutory duty, Judge Stabb had found that the local authority had, in connection with their approval of plans and inspections carried out by their inspectors of the foundations during laying, "woefully failed to discharge the responsibilities imposed upon them" by the Public Health Acts of 1936 and 1961.

Also involved in the project on that site and joined by the local authority as third parties to the action, were Hamilton Associates, architects, and Ellison and Partners, structural engineers. The case against Ellisons had been discontinued – they were uninsured – and Judge Stabb gave judgment for Hamiltons against the local authority.

The relevant statutory provisions were contained in section 4(1) of the Public Health Act 1961 and sections 61 and 62 of the 1936 Act: they concerned the making and enforcement of building regulations.

During 1973 the local authority had carried out site and trial pit inspections and they had seen and approved of the plans and calculations relating to the proposed functions. They had raised no objections to them and their inspector approved all the foundation bases on the site before concrete was poured in. Within weeks of the buildings being completed cracks appeared and in 1979 two of the warehouses were demolished and rebuilt on proper foundations.

Clearly the local authority were in breach of the relevant building regulations. The all-important question of law was whether the local authority, in exercising their functions under the 1936 Act, owed a duty of care to the plaintiffs as the building owners.

When Judge Stabb decided the case in April 1984 the tide of judicial authority flowed strongly against local authorities, as exemplified by *Acrecrest Ltd v W. S. Hattrell & Partners* ([1983] QB 260) and *Dennis v Charnwood Borough Council* ([1983] 1 QB 409).

But in October 1984 the House of Lords gave their decision in *Governors of the Peabody Donation Fund v Sir Lindsay Parkinson & Co Ltd* ([1985] AC 210). Having considered their decision in *Anns v Merton London Borough Council* ([1978] AC 728), they held that the local authority were not liable to building owners in respect of the installation of defective drains.

On analysis, the speeches of Lord Wilberforce in *Anns* and of Lord Keith in *Peabody* were open to a number of possible interpretations and were not easy to reconcile in every respect. For all that there was no doubt that the *Acrecrest* decision had been overruled. The *Dennis* case was to be regarded as a decision on its own special facts.

The following five propositions of law were derived from the *Anns* and the *Peabody* decisions when considered together and in the light of the overruling of *Acrecrest*:

1 The purpose for which the legislature had conferred supervisory powers over building operations on local authorities was to protect the occupiers of buildings and members of the public against dangers to health or personal safety. It was not to safeguard the building developer, or anyone else, against purely economic loss.

2 It could well be that on the basis of *Anns* a local authority in exercising their statutory powers would be held to owe a duty to a subsequent occupier other than the original building owner to take reasonable care to ensure that a building was erected in accordance with the building regulations so as not to cause danger to health or personal safety of the occupier.

3 Where that duty of care had been broken and as a result the condition of the property gave rise to danger to health or safety, an occupier to whom the duty was owed might be at liberty to restore the property to a condition in which such danger was eliminated and recover the amount of any such necessary expenditure from the local authority. Whether he had such right of recovery had to depend on the particular facts.

4 On the basis of *Peabody* however, a local authority in exercising their supervisory powers would normally owe no duty to an original building owner because it was normally incumbent on the owner himself to ensure that the building was erected in accordance with the building regulations and it could not have been the intention of the legislature that, save perhaps in exceptional circumstances, a local authority could owe a duty to a person who was in such breach.

5 *A fortiori*, again on the basis of *Peabody*, a local authority in exercising their supervisory powers would normally owe no duty to an original building owner who had had the benefit of the advice of architects, engineers and contractors and had relied on it. It would not be reasonable nor just to impose on local authorities a liability to indemnify builders against liability resulting from such reliance.

The legislature in imposing on local authorities for the general protection of the public the obligations under section 64 of the 1936 Act, could not have intended to protect building developers such as the plaintiffs against damage which they might suffer through their failure to comply with building regulations – or to entitle them to an indemnity from their fellow ratepayers against the consequences of any such failure.

The facts of the case were not exceptional. Propositions 4 and 5 fairly and squarely applied to it. The local authority, in considering whether or not to approve plans and in their site inspections, owed no duty of care to the plaintiffs, whatever duty they might have owed to other persons.

His Lordship went on to consider the local authority's case against Hamiltons and stated that they had not come anywhere near to establishing that Hamiltons were in breach of their professional duty in failing to reject the plans produced or to question the advice given by the structural engineers whom they had instructed to produce plans for the foundations.

The local authority's appeal in respect of the plaintiffs' claim was allowed.

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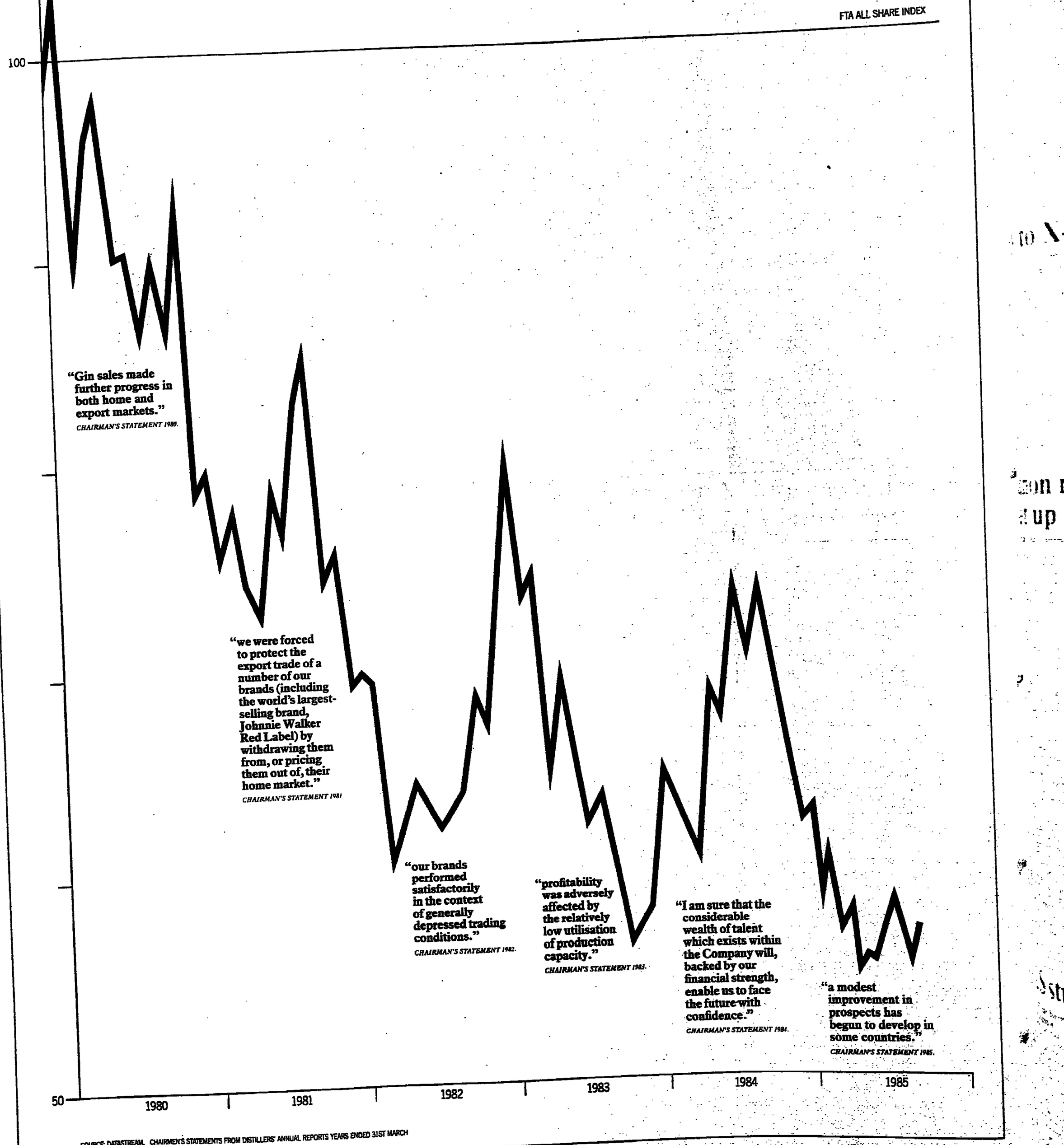
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Nuclear explosion signals Reagan's intention to push on with Star Wars

By Nicholas Ashford, Diplomatic Correspondent

For the Americans, 1985 has ended literally with a bang. At the weekend the US staged an underground nuclear test below the Nevada Desert of an X-ray laser device which could eventually form a key part of President Reagan's Star Wars programme.

The explosion, the seventh since the Soviet Union began its unilateral freeze on nuclear testing last August, will be seen by many as an aggressively symbolic response to Moscow's repeated request for the US to join its test moratorium.

Coming just over a week after Moscow had belatedly accepted the principle of on-site inspection of its nuclear test facilities, the American exposion was an unambiguous message to the world of the US's determination to continue tests which it believes are essential to ensure the relaibility and capability of its nuclear deterrent.

The latest test was also a signal of the President's determination to push ahead with his Strategic Defence Initiative despite the Soviet Union's unrelenting opposition.

With the Soviet Union's own moratorium on testing due to expire tomorrow, the scene would seem to be set for a new escalation of the arms race in 1986.

The US had made it clear it needs to continue testing its giant MX intercontinental ballistic missiles and its projected Midgetman mobile missiles as well as its "pop-up" X-ray lasers which are intended to destroy incoming missiles in space.

The Soviet Union is also certain to resume testing early in the new year of strategic and cruise missiles, work on which was already well-advanced before its moratorium came into effect on August 6.

The latest moves by the two superpowers have been accompanied by an exchange of angry accusations, the tone of which was in stark contrast to the conciliatory language used by President Reagan and Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, at their summit in Geneva last month. In Geneva the two leaders were talking about making a "fresh start" towards improving the superpower relationship and accelerating progress at the arms reduction talks. However, over the past few days the Americans and the Russians have accused each other of cheating on existing arms control treaties.

The Americans said Soviet violations "darken the atmosphere in which current negotiations are being conducted in Geneva and elsewhere".

The Russians accused the US of seeking to undermine the spirit of Geneva and to "regain military superiority over the Soviet Union".

Such rhetoric is more reminiscent of the chilly superpower relationship which existed during most of President Reagan's first term than the improved atmosphere which has developed in recent months, particularly after the Geneva summit.

Whether this means that the goodwill engendered at Geneva has already turned sour remains to be seen. It is quite possible, however, that both sides are trying to manoeuvre themselves into positions of strength before the resumption of the Geneva arms talks on January 16.

These talks will be the real test of "the spirit of Geneva". By deliberately exploding a Star Wars-related device, the Americans have given notice to the Russians that the programme is not a bargaining chip to be bartered away in exchange for a reduction in Soviet offensive weapons. The President remains fully committed to his SDI research programme.

For their part, the Russians are equally determined to match Star Wars

Given such provocative posturing by both sides, the chances of significnat progress being made at the negotiating table before the next summit in Washington in June would appear to be slim.

However the fact that there is to be a follow-up summit may engender the politicall will necessary for both sides to overcome the obstacles to progress

The next summit must produce achievements and not just expressions of good intent if it is to be judged a success.

Japan sees year out in haze of sake

From David Watts
Tokyo

A new poster admonishes Underground passengers who have been drinking to show consideration for others.

It is unlikely to have much effect because Japan's festive season begins early with the *bonenkai*, literally forget-the-year party. Each company holds a *bonenkai* for its employees. They take over a restaurant, a small bar or even go out of town to a hot spring and do their best to forget the past year in a blur of hot sake and whisky.

Traditionally, sake is drunk either cold from a small box made of Japanese cypress which is dipped straight into the sake barrel, or hot from a tiny cup. The box normally has a touch of salt on the side to bring out the drink's flavour. Either way, everyone is soon feeling mellow. Many Japanese appear to feel the effects of alcohol very quickly but by the same token they appear to suffer little the following morning.

In any event, the alcohol soon dissolves some of the everyday barriers of rank and status. Passions, both positive and negative, become evident. Fortunately, unless serious crime is committed, both tradition and the law allow a great deal of leeway for a man who has supped too much sake.

The *bonenkai* is a means of thanking the employees for their efforts in the past year, relieving some of the inter-office tensions and deepening the feelings of fellowship which are so important to Japanese social and corporate success.

After a while someone will propose a peculiarly Japanese party pastime – *karaoke* singing. *Karaoke* means empty orchestra, or simply the orchestral arrangement of a song dubbed on to a tape. The party guest sings his or her own version of the song over the top through a microphone and speaker system which mixes the two. There are dozens of *karaoke* bars in Tokyo, hugely popular with the participants but less so with those trying to sleep in the neighbourhood.

As the layers of formality begin to dissolve one begins to realize just how thick and formidable a glaze they are on everyday life. This is also a time for Japanese to say things about and to foreigners that they would never do at any other time, a healthy experience for all concerned except for the nervous tension it creates in Japanese bystanders: foreigners, as the stereotype has it, are not as well schooled in keeping their emotions under control.

Bonenkai are far less popular with railway employees, the police and wives. Railway employees on Tokyo's commuter lines always have a problem rounding up stragglers on late-night trains. This intensifies as the festive season gets under way, as does the amount of cleaning up that they have to do.

Late-night railway stations are often pock-marked with the signs of those who have over-indulged, not to mention the occasional prostrate reveller gasping for air like an upturned goldfish on a platform seat. Railwaymen and police have the problem of gently rousing and guiding home those who have fallen heavily asleep on the trains, wafting on past their home stations into the nether regions outside Tokyo.

Wives perform a sterling service receiving the drinkers as they return home. Some even venture further afield to render assistance. One Tokyo housewife, a veteran of many excursions to outlying stations to recover her spouse, charges her husband a fee for each rescue mission.

The English word party, pronounced "paati", has long since passed into Japanese. Department stores and other businesses which exploit Christmas every bit as enthusiastically as their Western counterparts promote the idea of the "home paati" for the family.

Year-end entertainment, however, remains firmly centred on the business world: few Japanese city homes have sufficient room for entertaining beyond immediate relatives.





James McGill (right), the Liverpool football fan jailed yesterday, in court in Brussels earlier this month; another Liverpool fan is pursued by Juventus supporters during the ill-fated European Cup final in May.

Key to X-ray laser research

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The detonation of a hydrogen bomb 1,800ft beneath the Nevada Desert last Friday was a key element of rapidly advancing research into the nuclear X-ray laser, a futurist concept being explored under President Reagan's Star War's programme.

Scientists believe they will soon be able to harness X-rays produced by a nuclear explosion into a laser cannon capable of destroying incoming enemy missiles. Friday's explosion, the first nuclear test directly connected with Star Wars research, was conducted despite objections from 30 members of Congress who were worried that alleged design flaws in the weapon might lead to an accident.

The Pentagon said such tests were necessary for research into nuclear-driven directed energy concepts. Federal officials conceded there had been technical problems with the weapon but that they were minor.

The explosion was conducted at Pahute Mesa, 100 miles north-west of Las Vegas. It registered 5.6 on the Richter scale at the National Earthquake Information Centre in Boulder, Colorado. It had an explosive force of between 20 and 150 kilotonnes. No ground movement was recorded in Las Vegas and there was "no information of major ground movement" immediately off the test site, according to the Department of Energy.

Despite safety concerns, there is no serious political pressure on President Reagan to curtail the number of underground nuclear test explosions, 16 of which have been conducted in the past year. Friday's test had been postponed several times since December 19 because of winds that would have carried a nuclear cloud over heavily populated areas in the event of an accident.

Administration officials rejected Soviet charges that the test violated the 1972 anti-ballistic missile Treaty. They pointed out that underground tests are permitted under the 1963 partial nuclear test ban

Basque link in killing of ex-Guard

Madrid – Terrorists shot dead a former Civil Guard policeman near the northern city of San Sebastian yesterday, on the morning of the day he was to have retired from his post of security chief at a tyre factory (Harry Debelius writes).

Police suspect the secessionist organisation ETA (Basque Homeland and Liberty). They believe the victim, Señor Alejandro Saez Sanchez, was chosen as a target because of his former service in the paramilitary Civil Guard. He had been working at the Michelin tyre factory in La Sarte near San Sebastian for more than 20 years.

Liverpool fan given 40 months

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this is going to be a lesson for other sentencing football hooligans to follow. I also hope people still with a mind to misbehave at football matches at home and abroad will take heed of this sentence," he said.

"I am delighted, because we must get rid of this scourge," he added. "Hooligans must learn that if they carry out such acts now they will be filmed and punished."

McGill's family later accused the Belgian courts of making him a scapegoat for the soccer tragedy.

His aunt, Mrs Irene McDermott, said that McGill's mother had always believed her son was innocent.

Mrs McDermott said: "We were told that his case would never have got to court if it had been in Britain because of the flimsy evidence. The length of time it took for the judge to pass sentence is an indication of how confused the court was with the proceedings.

"Because James was the last person to appear in court they have set out to make an example of him to stop others, regardless of whether he is guilty or not. He had just been used as a scapegoat in the hope that it will deter other fans."

McGill is one of four brothers, all lifelong Liverpool fans. He used to attend all Anfield matches. He had been saving for weeks to go to Belgium with a party of 10 friends, and had also taken Mrs McDermott's son Stephen, aged 14.

Mrs McDermottt said that when McGill was arrested he had her son's passport, and her son was left to fend for himself for three days before some other fans found him and brought him home.

"The authorities would not tell Stephen where they had taken James," she said.

"The whole thing is like a nightmare. We have had abusive calles and letters from all over the country. But we know James, and we honestly believe he is innocent."

Sniper kills gunman in Kentucky siege

Newport, Kentucky (AP) – A police sniper killed a gunman who had boasted of being a killer and held two teenagers for more than 30 hours, demanding $50,000 and plane tickets to England. The hostages were freed unharmed.

Dennis Lucas, aged 20, of Dayton, Kentucky, was killed by a state police officer after one hostage was rescued and officials decided the second youth, handcuffed to a bed was in "certain, imminent danger".

Moments before the end of the seige, a woman and her two young children were evacuated from an upstairs apartment and officers armed with rifles had begun closing in on the building.

Deng's the man

Washington – Mr Deng Xiaoping, the 81-year-old Chinese leader, has been chosen as Man of the Year for 1985 by *Time* magazine, which cited sweeping economic reforms and called his attempt to combine communism and capitalism "a second revolution". Mr Deng was also nominated in 1978.

Nuclear leak

Middletown, Pennsylvania (AFP) – Nine workers were contaminated by radiation when a leaking pump sprayed radioactive water and released low-level radiation at the Three Mile Island nuclear plant, near Harrisburg. A spokesman said the exposure was not "of medical consequence" and all resumed work afterwards.

Escape to West

Munich (Reuter) – A 26-year-old East German fled across the heavily guarded frontier into West Germany, Bavarian police said.

Lebanon rivals aim to set up coalition

From Our Correspondent, Beirut

Lebanon's civil war antagonists declared a ceasefire yesterday and said they will try to form a national coalition cabinet to enforce an armistice agreement signed under Syria's sponsorship.

The ceasefire was expected to go into effect at dawn today as the first step in an ambitious plan designed to end the Lebanese vivil war. If the truce holds, it would give the Lebanese a good reason to believe that the word of Druze, Shia Muslim and Christian warlords outweighs that of hundreds of politicians armed with nothing but good intentions.

To underline Syria's determination to bring peace to Lebanon soon, President Assad sent his Foreign Minister, Mr Farouk al-Sharaa with an invitation for President Gemayel to hold talks on Thursday on ways to implement the agreement.

The invitation followed an unprecedented declaration by Mr Walid Jumblatt, the Druze leader of the Progressive Socialist Party, Mr Nabih Berri, the head of the Shia Muslim Amal movement, and Mr Elie Hobeika, the commander of the Lebanese forces, the main Christian militia. After signing the 23-page agreement, they issued a joint communique pledging to "turn the dark pages of the past" and appealed to their countrymen to "shoulder their responsibility in helping push this peacer drive forward".

The new accord seeks primarily officially to end the state of civil war in one year and begin a process of political reforms to give Moslems a greater share of power, this ending the Christians' dominance in the nation's Government, Army, Parliament and judiciary. The accord also provides for disbanding and disarming Lebanon's warring militias in one year. Under the accord, the Lebanese Government can seek Syrian military help to quell any defiance to peace efforts.

Public reaction was one of moderate optimism. Some people in the streets exchanged greetings soon after the accord was published on Sunday. The good intentions apparently had a positive effect along Beirut's Green Line, which divides the capital into Muslim and Christian halves, and in the hills to the east, where Druze fighters face Lebanese Army troops loyal to Mr Gemayel. Both war fronts remained quiet in the last three days.

● TEL AVIV: Two pro-Israeli militiamen were killed and six people, including an Israeli soldier, wounded yesterday by guerrilla attacks in Israel's self-declared security zone in south Lebanon, according to military sources quoted by Reuter.

The solider, an adviser to the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army (SLA) patrolling the buffer zone. He was wounded when an anti-tank missile hit an SLA vehicle, killing two militiamen and injuring a third.

Americans migrate to the Sunbelt

From Michael Binyon
Washington

The population of the United States has risen by 5.4 per cent since 1980, and on July 1 this year stood at 238,740,000, the Census Bureau reported at the weekend. States in the south and west accounted for 90 per cent of the extra 12 million people.

The figures demonstrate the continuing population movement to the Sunbelt, mainly at the expense of the old industrial state of the northeast.

California remained the most populous state with 26,365,000 people – an increase of almost 3 million in five years. It was followed by New York, with 17,783,000; Texas 16,370,000; Pennsylvania 11,853,000; and Illinois with 11,535,000. Florida moved up to sixth place, with 11,366,000, overtaking Ohio.

Alaska continued to be the fastest-growing state, with a growth rate of 29.7 per cent since 1980. With 521,000 people, it moved up from being the least populated state to overtake Wyoming, which is bottom of the table with only 509,000 people. Other fast-growing states were Arizona, up by 17.2 per cent; Nevada 16.9; Florida 16.6; Texas 15; Utah 12.6; and Colorado 11.8.

Michigan, Ohio, Iowa, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and the District of Colombia all lost population since the 1980 census, when the total population stood at 226,546,000. Other north-eastern states such as New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts grew only slowly.

Shot lawyer's widow has fears for her life

Paris (Reuter) – France's best-known jockey, Darie Boutbul, was quoted by state radio yesterday as saying she feared for her own life after her estranged lawyer husband was shot dead on Friday.

She said she believed Jacques Perrot, aged 39, an amateur steeplechaser and childhood friend of the Prime Minister, M Laurent Fabius, had been killed "not for money or vengence, but to silence him".

"There are some things I just cannot say," she added. "My son now only has me, and he must keep his mother. I'm scared." The widow, who looks after André, their son aged three, said she believed the murder was the work of a "real professional".

Police said the shooting appeared to have been carefully prepared. M Perrot's wallet was found intact on his body.

The popular lawyer, described by friends as a man without problems, "must have known something, but I cannot say what it was", his widow added.

The case, reminiscent of a thriller by the British novelist and former champion jockey Dick Francis, has caused a sensation in France with all the ingredients of a major mystery.

Police probing the murder of M Perrot, who was shot twice in the head and once in the chest with a powerful small-calibre weapon, said his widow was in the clear.

Mme Boutbul's movement on Friday, the night of the crime, had been checked and a test of her hands for powder traces had proved negative.

Police sources said an examination of M Perrot's prosperous law practice showed nothing irregular, and that they were still searching for a motive for the crime.

Though M Perrot had attended the same school as M Fabius and was an old friend, he was not politically active, friends said.

His friend and trainer M Jack Hubert-Barbe said M Perrot had telephoned him only half an hour before he was shot to fix a work-out with his horse on Saturday morning.

Moscow's thaw allows wife to join husband

Los Angeles (AP) – A Soviet emigrant, Mrs Helle Frejus, arrived here for a reunion with her American husband made possible by a slight thaw in superpower relations just before the recent US–Soviet summit.

Mrs Frejus, aged 50, who married Mrs Kazimierz Frejus of Pomona, California, in 1979, had not seen him since 1981.

Moscow promised in November to let 10 Soviet citizens, all with American spouses or other ties, emigrte to the West, this reversal of earlier decisions was viewed by US officials as a gesture of goodwill on human rights issues.

About 25 or 30 cases fall into the catergory of "divided spouses": Americans whose Soviet spouses cannot obtain permission to emigrate.

Japanese daily to start London edition

Tokyo – One of Japan's leading daily newspapers will publish its first international edition in London tomorrow (David Watts writes).

The *Asahi Shimbun* will be the first Japanese-language newspaper to publish abroad by satellite transmission. The launching of the paper will be marked officially in February when a group of senior executives of the company visit London.

The time difference between Tokyo and London will allow Japanese readers in London to get the latest news of Japan the same day at their breakfast tables.

By printing in Britain the cost of home-delivery in London will be halved to £40 a month. Initial priat run will be about 4,000 copies.

Soviet tribute



The Soviet Union has issued this postage stamp to honour the memory of Samantha Smith, the American schoolgirl from Maine who wrote to the Kremlin pleading for world peace and who died in a plane crash (AP reports).

Grain decline

Peking (Reuter) – China's leaders have pledged to continue agricultural reforms despite a drop in the grain harvest this year to 375 million tonnes after a record 407 million in 1984. Natural disasters and growing of profitable cash crops were blamed.

China's captive

Peking (AP) – A man accused of hijacking a Soviet airliner that made a forced landing in north-east China is still in Chinese custody, a Soviet Embassy spokesman said. He could not confirm rumours that the hijacker was the co-pilot of the Antonov 24 propeller plane.

Shekel shift

Jerusalem – Israel is launching a "new shekel" tomorrow by reducing the value of the old shekel by 1,000 per cent. The new shekel will be worth 1,000 of the old ones, which is roughly 50p.

Ferry tragedy

Dhaka (AP) – Eleven members of a Bangladesh wedding party, including the bride, drowned when their ferry boat sank in rough weather on the Dhudkumar river.

New Zealand rules out arms link to sabotage

From Richard Long, Wellington

Ammunition and spare parts for automatic weapons, seized on the French ship Ile De Lumière in Auckland yesterday, were dispatched from Australia and apparently destined for New Caledonia, the New Zealand Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Geoffrey Palmer said.

His comments followed the seizure of 8,000 rounds of ammunition and automatic weapons parts on the French ship, which came from Australia and was due to sail for the French island of New Caledonia this week.

The Auckland Collector of Customs, Mr Kevin Donovan, said the cache, discovered in the ship's engine room, was "enough to start a small war".

Mr Palmer ruled out the prospect of the arms find being linked with any bid to break out French secret service agents, Dominique Prieur and Alain Mafart, jailed for their part in the sabotage of the Greenpeace ship, Rainbow Warrior.

Prieur was transferred four days ago from Auckland's Mt Eden prison to the hig-security Christchurch women's prison.

Mr Palmer said the parts and the ammunition were for automatic rifles, machine guns and machine pistols. The material was packed in plastic and wrapped inside copies of Australian newspapers

It was assumed from this that the contraband was destined for New Caledonia, he said. But inquiries had not established whether it was for Kanak independent fighters or right-wing French settlers opposing independence moves.

Mr Palmer linked the discovery with two seizures earlier this year of arms and ammunition from yachts off the Australian coast.

● PARIS: M Michel Cordier, head of the New Caledonian shipping company which owns the Ile De Lumière, has denied what he described as the "staggering" claims of the New Zealand customs who claimed that the boat contained enough ammunition and automatic arms parts "to start a small war" (Diana Geddes writes).

Speaking from Noumea, the capital of the French overseas territory of New Caledonia, M Cordier insisted that there were no parts of automatic weapons on board the boat, though he said that 5,500 cartridges of different calibres and three non-identified magazines had been found, "but nothing else".

US study finds 1985 a good year for democracy

From Michael Binyon
Washington

Democracy has made quiet but substantial gains around the world over the past year, and in 1985 a higher percentage of people lived in freedom than in all but one of the past 14 years.

This heartening conclusion was announced by Freedom House, a New York-based organization that undertakes annual assessments of political rights and civil liberties in 167 states and 54 related territories.

This year there were 1,747.2 million people, some 36 per cent of the world's population, living in 56 countries defined by the survey as "free". A further 1,121.9 million, accounting for 23 per cent of the population, were in "partly free" countries. And 1,947.6 million people, 40 per cent of the population, were in "not free" countries, mainly in Asia and Africa.

Freedom House said most of the gains in freedom were in the Western hemisphere. Democracy was consolidated in Brazil. The latest election in El Salvador "firmly established that the incumbent President had majority support". Grenada's election was judged fair and free by observers. Guatemala elected a new civilian government, and Uruguay fully re-established a civilian democratic government.

Elsewhere, the survey found, Pakistan allowed long-promised parliamentary elections, Bangladesh developed elected local government institutions, and Hungary, though still communist, "held meaningful parliamentary elections". All three are now categorized as "partly free".

The Soviet Union, China and most communist countries are the main nations termed "not free". Several countries such as Poland and Iran are assessed as "partly free" because of the strength of civilian opposition, rather than political rights granted by a government. The main criteria used by Freedom House are fair elections, individual and group freedoms and the freedom of the press.

Africa is where freedom fares worst. In all the continent, only Botswana is termed free. The survey said although there were elections in Zimbabwe, they were followed by government pressure on the Opposition and orrests. In Sierra Leone the uncontested election of the head of the eroded civilian control.

Freedom House issued this list of countries in its three categories:

Free countries: Antigua, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cyprus (Greek side), Denmark, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Fiji, Finland, France, West Germany, Greece, Grenada, Honduras, Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kiribati, Luxemborg, Mauritius, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Portugal, St Kitts-Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent, Solomons, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Trinidad, Tuvalu, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela, and these territories: Azores, Bermuda, Canary Islands, Falklands, Greenland, Liechtenstein, Micronesia, Netherlands Antilles, New Caledonia, Puerto Rico, San Marino, Virgin Islands.

Non-free: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Benin, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde Islands, Central African Republic, Chad, China (mainland), Comoros, Congo, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gabon, East Germany, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Iraq, North Korea, Laos, Libya, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Romania, Rwanda, São Tomé and Príncipe, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Somalia, Sudan, Suriname, Syria, Tanzania, Togo, USSR, Vietnam, South Yemen, Zaire.

Partly free: Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Chile, Taiwan, Cyprus (Turkish side), Egypt, El Salvador, Gambia, Guatemala, Guyana, Hungary, Indonesia, Iran, Ivory Coast, Jordan, Kenya, South Korea, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Thailand, Tonga, Transkei, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Vannatu, Western Samoa, North Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and these territories: Andorra, Bophuthatswana, French Guiana, French Polynesia, Guadeloupe, Guam, Hong Kong, Martinique, Monaco, Israeli occupied territories, Reunion, South West Africa (Namibia), Vatican.

Correction

Idi Amin overthrew the Government of Uganda in 1971, not 1970, as stated on December 18.

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Pakistan opposition group dismisses end of martial law as a farce

By Michael Hamlyn, South Asia Correspondent

The 11-party, non-parliamentary opposition grouping, described the end of martial law in Pakistan yesterday as "a farce", and said that nothing would change. But some political figures are known to feel that the new situation has possibilities which may be exploited to broaden and deepen the amount of democracy offered by General Zia.

Certainly the non-martial law Government of General Zia does not want for instruments of oppression if it feels it needs them. Arrests of would-be demonstrators last week in Lahore were under an ordinance which had nothing to do with the martial law which has been in operation in Pakistan for the past eight and a half years – the Maintenance of Public Order ordinance. Section 144 of the Pakistan Criminal Code can also be used extensively against threatened breaches of the peace, and there are even separate civilian Acts forbidding public activity in defined areas.

The Pakistan Security Act allows detention without trial for those believed to threaten the Government's security and could be used against exiled political leaders like Miss Benazir Bhutto, should she return too soon. Although the martial law courts have now been dismantled, those imprisoned by their orders are to remain locked up.

But a number of Democrats still feel that there are possibilities for exploiting the legal system against the regime. Haji Mohammad Saifullah Khan, the leader of the Independent Parliamentary Group – those members of the National Assembly generally opposed to the Government – believes that a number of martial law regulations, apparently enshrined in the constitution by the recently passed Eighth Amendment Act, may be overturned in court.

He expects that political parties which are to be compelled to register under another Act just passed will also challenge the constitutional validity of the Act in the courts.

Haji Saifullah also believes that the shackles will be taken off the National Assembly, and that it will now be able to repeal or amend any of the regulations to which it takes a dislike.

General Zia and his Prime Minister, Mr M K Junejo, will no doubt expect the National Assembly still to support them, since members would like to continue in office for the full parliamentary term.

The general and his ministers will stand wield a good deal of power over the assembly, and will to a large extent control its deliberations. It was clear from announcements last night about the registration of political parties that the government expects Parliament to continue for its full term, and does not expect political parties to form part of the political machinery of the country until elections in four years' time.

It is also clear from previous announcements by the general that he does not expect full-blooded democratic freedeom to emerge instantly; the best that he was offering the country, he said in the spring as parliament began sitting, was that it would share power with him.

The general has so far persuaded Parliament to cooperate with him by threatening that if they did not he would not lift martial law after all. Now that he has lost that weapon, he has attempted to unsheath an alternative. He told the members of the joint meeting of both Houses of Parliament yesterday that the armed forces would not hesitate to intervene again if their was too much dissention.

Previous presidents have been removed by the men they appointed as Chief of Army Staff, but General Zia is taking no chances. He is reported to be hanging on to the job himself, even though he is over the age limit, and though holding a second office of profit was banned for the President under the 1973 constitution.

That particular section has been dealt with again under the Eighth Amendment Act, and he is specifically allowed to hold both jobs.

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Police armed with sub-machine guns patrolling the international lounge at Rome's Leonardo da Vinci Airport. Security has been stepped up since the attack by Arab terrorists last week that left 15 people dead.

Austrians claim hijack bid foiled

From Richard Bassett
Vienna

The three terrorists who attacked Vienna's Schwechat Airport on Friday killing two passengers and wounding 30, had attempted to hijack the El Al 10.45 flight to Tel Aviv, Herr Karl Blecha, the Austrian Minister of the Interior, said yesterday.

Speaking at a press conference, Herr Blecha said that the two surviving terrorists – one was shot dead by police on Friday – had admitted after questioning that they were not a suicide squad. They had attempted to take several passengers hostage, Herr Blecha said. To this end they had thrown smoke bombs as well as grenades.

Only the prompt action of the Austrian security forces had prevented the terrorists from succeeding in their attempt to take hostages and storm through the departure lounge onto the runway, he said.

The hijack attempt was the explanation, the Interior Minister said, that the terrorists had no getaway vehicle ready and comandeered a Mercedes in the airport carpark.

Herr Blecha praised the police as well as security arrangements at the airport. Opposition politicians had criticized the security arrangements at the weekend. But Herr Blecha said that there were more than 200 policemen on duty at the airport when the attack occurred. In the departure lounge alone there had been 15 armed policemen. Their quick response had foiled the terrorists' attempts.

The two surviving terrorists had also admitted during questioning that they were part of Abu Nidal's faction of the Palestine Liberation Organization, Herr Blecha announced yesterday.

This contradicted an earlier interview by CBS Television with one of the two sruviving terrorists who had told a reporter that he had received orders from Fatah, the mainstream PLO organization led by Mr Yassir Arafat. The interview has embarrassed the Austrians who have now forbidden all television networks from having access to the surviving terrorists.

Austria's Middle East policy recognizes the PLO.

● JERUSALEM: Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Defence Minister, told the Knesset's foreign affairs and defence committee yesterday that Israel would not act according to the usual rules in its struggle against terrorism (Ian Murray writes).

While PLO spokesman in Jordan and Saudi Arabia were reported to be bracing themselves for an Israeli attack of reprisal, the Defence Minister made it plain that whoever had planned the reais on Rome and Vienna airports last Friday would have to expect the unexpected.

● WASHINGTON: US authorities have been alerted to the possibility of guerrilla attacks at home like those at Rome and Vienna airports on Friday, the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Mr William Webster, said yesterday (Reuter reports).

But he said in a television interview that it was easier for guerrillas to attack Americans abroad because of US measures to prevent such activities.

Zia's years of army control

July 5, 1977: General Zia seizes power. and names himself Chief Martial Law Administrator
October 18, 1977: general elections ordered. Postponed
November 10 1977: Supreme Court upholds imposition of martial law, quoting the doctrine of "state necessity".
September 16, 1978: Mr Fazal Chaudhury resigns as President. General Zia takes over.
April 4, 1979: former Prime Minister Mr Zulfikar Ali Bhutto hanged in Rawalpindi jail.
November 17, 1979: second date for general elections. Also postponed.
February 1981: Movement for Restoration of Democracy (MRD), an alliance of opposition political parties, founded.
March 1981: President Zia launches his own constitution with a nominated parliament. Miss Benazir Bhutto put under hous arrest.
August 12, 1983: General Zia announces plans for a controlled return to democracy.
August 14, 1983: MRD launches country-wide agitation against regime.
September 1983: local body elections successfully held.
December 1984: referendum which General Zia claims confirmed him in office as President for five years.
February 25, 1985: Party-less elections to new Parliament held.
March 24, 1985: Parliament meets. Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo confirmed in office after being nominated by General Zia.

Zimbabwe white killed by rebels

From Jan Raath
Harare

A white farmer has been shot and bludgeoned to death by anti-goverment guerrillas in Zimbabwe's restive western province of Matabeleland.

Mr Mark James Sommer, aged 31, was found on Friday night by his brother, Geoffrey, who was looking for him after he failed to arrive for supper at the homestead of Kenilworth Ranch, in the Inyathi district 75 miles north of Bulawayo.

Family friends said that Mr Sommer was attacked by a gang of six guerrillas while he was trying to free his Land Rover from mud. He was shot in the arm and the chest, and his head smashed with an axe.

The guerrillas fled with Mr Sommers' pistol and shotgun and are being pursued by security forces, assisted by a group of 20 local white farmers.

Mr Sommer was married four ago to Miss Celia Edwards. He was the 38th white farmer to be murdered since independence in 1980, most of them by guerrillas in Matabeleland. The last to be killed were Mr Jacobus Ehlers, aged 48, and his wife, Joy, aged 47, late in October.

Meanwhile in Harare, Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister, has hinted that the leadership of a new party unifying Zanu (PF) party and Mr Joshua Nkomo's opposition Zapu party is the last obstacle in their three-month unity talks.

In a television interview broadcast here late on Sunday, Mr Mugabe said both sides had agreed on a Marxist-Leninist ideology and the concept of a one-party state.

But he said: "We still differ on the fundamental issue of what forum this will be that will constitute the unity forum for Zanu (PF) and Zapu."

His remarks are interpreted as a reference to the leadership of the new party. Mr Nkomo, who enjoys the almost exclusive support of the minority Ndebele people of Matabeleland, is said to have conceded the presidency to Mr Mugabe, but still seeks a position of considerable seniority and effective power.

Spain and Portugal preparing to take a leap in the dark

From Richard Owen, Brussels

As the end of 1985 approached and the EEC Commission and Council of Ministers rushed to conclude outstanding business before the accession of Spain and Portugal in the new year, a senior EEC diplomat was asked what contribution the two new members had made as they sat in on high-level meetings over past six months. "None at all," the diplomat replied, perhaps exaggerating slightly. "They are rather like patients in a dentist's waiting room who can hear the screams and the drill, and are not quite sure what awaits them when they get inside."

To some extent membership of the EEC will bring trade benefits to the Iberian countries, which taken together already import 39 per cent of overall imports from the EEC and export 32 per cent of their products to the community. This is due to preferential trade agreements with the EEC signed in the early 1970s. But membership, even with the usual transitional arrangements, could still give a profound shock. This is especially true of the relatively backward yet economically vital agricultural sector, which in Spain amounts to 6 per cent of the national income (gross domestic product) and in Portugal amounts to 8 per cent, compared to an EEC average of only 3.5 per cent. Spanish entry alone will increase the number of agriculture-related jobs in the EEC by a quarter.

Fruit and vegetable output will cause problems for other agricultural member states, as will wine and olive oil production. And in other areas, such as dairy products and meat, Iberian farmers will be hard pressed to compete.

Another potentially troublesome area is fishing, given that the Spanish fishing fleet totals half the combined fishing capacity of the other EEC members.

Spanish and Portuguese industry are relatively weak, and although Spain has made tremendous strides in recent years, joining the ranks of the ten top industrial nations, this has been achieved behind protective trade barriers and tariffs which will now gradually have to come down. Unemployment and inflation are high in the Iberian Peninsula, and both countries have low standards of living compared to the majority of EEC states.

Despite careful preparations this could create difficulties for the Community's efforts in 1986 to reform the much criticised Common Agricultural Policy. To soften the impact of the CAP as it stands at present, price and subsidy levels will rise over a period of seven to eight years to match those in the rest of the EEC, with a ten year transitional period for olive oil and fruit and vegetables in the case of Spain to avoid further surpluses. Similar arrangements apply to Portugal in areas such as cereals and wine.

As for industry, Spain has several years in which to abolish quotas on products it considers particularly sensitive, ranging from tractors to sewing machines, although it is expected to conform to EEC practice by introducing VAT next year.

It is not yet certain whether the two countries will join the European Monetary System (EMS), or follow Britain's example and stand to one side.

Officials at the Berlaymont and the Charlemagne, the headquarters of the Council of Ministers, talk hopefully of enlargement as a leap forward toward European unity, giving Europe still more influence in the world. It is also something of a leap in the dark both for the EEC and for the new members, with implications not only for the north-south relationship in the community but also for relations between Spain and Portugal and other Mediterranean area member states.

Part of the solution may lie with the EEC's £4 billion Integrated Mediterranean Programme, or IMP, which is designed to modernize the more southern states and resolve the rich-poor imbalance. The whole of Portugal and nine regions of Spain have been classified as priority areas for assistance from the EEC regional and social funds (assuming budgetary problems allow the funds to operate normally in 1986).

But given the anxieties involved in Iberian accession it seems most unlikely the EEC will even consider further expansion until, and unless, the twelve have established truly common policies and a harmonious economic relationship, which could be a very long time away.

"Twelve is an optimum number," one EEC official involved in the complex enlargement process said. "We welcome Spain and Portugal very warmly – but enlargement stops here."

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	Population (millions)	% employed in agriculture	% employed in industry	Unemployment (%)	Inflation (%)	GNP (£ bn)	GNP per capita (£)
(The Ten)	272.8	7.5	34.6	9.4	6.1	1721.74	6,322
Spain	38.4	17.8	32.4	20.2	11.3	128.77	3,329
Portugal	10.0	28.3	33.4	8.1	30.7	15.75	1,841
Britain	56.5	1.0	33.0	13.5	5.5	276.20	6,241

Source: Eurostat (EEC Statistical Office) — All figures for 1984

Peking hits at official corruption

From Mary Lee
Peking

The voice of the Chinese Communist Party, the *People's Daily*, expresssed horror and shock yesterday over the ignorance and greed of corrupt officials.

The paper described as horrifying the involvement of a judge, local officials and the Army in a 240 million yuan (£53 million smuggling and swindling racket in Fujian province, the latest corruption scandal to emerge.

The man accused of masterminding the racket, Mr Du Guozhen, a clerk aged 53, is about to face trail in Fuzhou, the provincial capital. Calling him "Du, the god of wealth", the paper said it was obvious that the struggle against "economic criminals" in some areas was weak because officials abused their power for personal gain.

Sixty-eight organizations are implicated in the case, and 21 officials have been arrested.

The commentary accompanies a lengthy article detailing Mr Du's alleged illegal trade in imported vehicles, watches, colour television sets, and foreign currency in US and Hong Kong dollars totalling £127,000. He is accused of bribing officials with imported cars, motor cycles, television sets and cash totalling 206,000 Yuan.

The resident army unit in a Fujian county is said to have supplied 30 to 40 soldiers, 299 military vehicles and four boats to help Mr Du and his gang to smuggle Chinese mushrooms to Hong Kong and goods back into the province. Government and party officials who issued visas and provided storage space were paid off with imported cars.

Mr Du had boasted of important contacts with military, government, financial and business circles in Taiwan and Hong Kong and had promised to attract investments worth several hundred million US dollars for Fujian's development.

"In the past, cadres were extremely 'leftist' and looked down on people with Taiwan, Hong Kong or overseas relations," the *People's Daily* said, "but today they have become greedy and look with envy towards such people and seek them out by all means."

Year of little cheer for human rights

By Caroline Moorehead

This has not been a glorious year for human rights. Just under half the countries of the world are now holding political prisoners in their jails, many of whom have neither been charged nor tried. Some have been in detention for many years; others are ill and receiving inadequate medical treatment; others again face absolutely no prospect of early release.

During the course of 1985 *The Times* featured 52 prisoners, from 31 countries. Seven of them were in the Soviet Union, and four each in Pakistan and Turkey. Three were being held in the Philippines.

The conditions under which some of these political prisoners are kept are appalling. Vicente Ladlad, chairman of the Communist Party in Southern Tagolog in the Philippines, has been in solitary confinement for well over two years, while Irina Ratushinskaya, 31-year-old Russian poet and physicist, held since 1982 for "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda", has been forcibly fed during a hunger strike, apparently while concussed.

Twelve of the 52 are now free – though none of these comes from the Soviet Union or Pakistan – and two of them, Alexander Bertelsen from Turkey and the Hungarian economist Gyorgy Krasso, are now living in exile. The four prisoners we wrote about in the last week of May and the first three weeks of June are all out of jail and their nationalities – a Turk, a Philipino, a Jordanian and a Nigerian – give some indication of how releases are as geographically varied and seemingly random as arrests.

Rustomo, prisoner of conscience for April 30, had been under sentence of death for 10 years for trying to revive the banned Indonesian Communist Party, apparently with plans for an armed coup. In July, at the age of 65, and despite international appeals for clemency, he went before the firing squad.

Our three "disappeared" prisoners remain disappeared as the year ends. The youngest was Maria Gorete Joaquim, aged 13 when taken from her home in Dili, East Timor, by Indonesian troops in 1975 on the grounds that she belonged to the Fretilin Student Organization.

Then there was William Josma, aged 35, from Haiti, detained by Port-au-Prince security forces on April 3 or 4, 1981 and reportedly transferred to a military prison early in 1982; and Antonio Limaco Chuchón, father of nine children and a teacher in his middle fifties, dragged from his home in Ayacucho in the Peruvian highlands by heavily armed and hooded men in May 1983. Not one of these people has ever been heard of since their arrests.

Many of the prisoners of conscience whose cases appear are in their forties and fifties, but there are increasing numbers of younger detainees, some of them still children.

In October Amnesty International devoted its prisoner of conscience week to the young.

The prisoners whose stories reach our columns almost all have human rights organizations as well as their families and friends campaigning on their behalf. There are many hundreds more no one ever hears about, neither charged nor tried, held in appalling conditions, seemingly forgotten. A significant number are dying in their jails, either deliberately through torture, or from neglect.



Irina Ratushinskaya, force fed; Vicente Ladlad, in solitary confinement; Alexander Bertelsen, freed.

Sri Lanka urged to stop torture

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

Amnesty International yesterday urged Sri Lanka urgently to stop torture by government forces. It called on President Jayewardene to establish an independent committee to investigate complaints of torture.

Amnesty issued its appeal after Sri Lanka rejected a report it published last October, *File on Torture: Sri Lanka*, as "unfair, biased and untrue".

In its October report Amnesty published sworn testimony describing widespread and persistent torture,

Methods of torture reported included hanging people upside down while beating them all over the body, prolonged beatings on the soles of the feet and other parts of the body and insertion of chilli powder in the nostrils, mouth, and eyes and on the genitals.

Amnesty then expressed its deep concern at the Government's failure to respond positively to reports of torture

Chinese are blamed for mortar raids

Bangkok (AP) – Chinese troops fired thousands of mortar rounds into three northern provinces of Vietnam and a Chinese battalion struck deep into Vietnamese territory, according to the Voice of Vietnam radio.

The brief report said the mortar barrages were fired on Saturday morning in areas of the Quang Ninh, Cao Bang and Ha Tuyen provinces and that the Peking battalion intruded into and occupied the Ha Land area of Cao Bang. It said that "Tens of enemy troops" were killed in the fighting.

The pro-Hanoi government in Cambodia has accused Thailand, China and the US Central Intellegence Agency of waging an "undeclared war" against it, the Vietnam News Agency said yesterday.

The agency said American aid to Cambodian resistance groups fighting the Vietnamese had come through official channels and from "top secret funds of the CIA and other US secret services".

Moscow denies emigration deal

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The Soviet authorities yesterday stepped in to try to kill rumours circulating in the West that a deal is imminent with Israel which would lead to greater Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union.

In the first official comment about the widespread stories circulating among diplomats in the West and in Moscow, Tass claimed that the speculation was without foundation.

"Well-intentioned rumours have been circulated in recent days by imperialist mass media with links to Zionist circles to the effect that the Soviet Union and the Government of Israel have, allegedly, reached an agreement of sorts on 'large scale Jewish emigration' from the Soviet Union to Israel," the agency stated. "It goes without saying that these fabrications are totally groundless."

Tass added that the authors of the "concoctions" were clearly out to discredit Moscow's policy aimed at bringing about peace in the Middle East while taking into account all people in the region.

The denial, understood to have been sanctioned at a high level in the Kremlin, follows repeated speculation in the West European and American press about complex secret negotiations involving Russia, Israel, France and Poland. Stories repeatedly mentioned the possibility of a mass airlift of Jews to Israel.

According to the reports, which have circulated persistently for over three months, Jewish emigration would be linked with renewed diplomatic ties between Russia and Israel.

Westerners in Moscow believe that the Tass denial was sparked specifically by a report from the American Simon Wiesenthal Centre last week which quoted a Soviet diplomat in Washington as saying that he believed Moscow would restore relations in February and open up emigration.

For some time, senior western diplomats have been surprised at the persistence of the reports of behind-the-scenes negotiations involving France acting as a broker.

Nuclear protests by students create dilemma for leadership

From Our Correspondent
Peking

Recent protests by Uigur youths in Peking and Shanghai against perceived threats to their interests, including nuclear tests in Xinjiang and the use of their remote region as a prison camp, have created a new dilemma for the Chinese leadership.

Diplomats said the continued tolerance of such demonstrations, which began on December 12 in the Xinjiang capital, Urumqi, would undermine the recent clampdown on protests over larger social issues, such as price rises and corruption, by Han (Chinese) students.

On the other hand, to crack down on them would not only fan the sparks but would raise doubts about the regime's policy of aiding minorities. Uigurs constitute six million of Xinjiang's seven million people.

However, diplomats said that the Foreign Ministry's confirmation of the December 22 Uigur demonstration in Peking's Tiananmen Square the day after it was held suggested that the authorities were confident that official policy on two of several complaints aired – nuclear tests and the one-child family – was correct.

The ministry's spokesman said the Uigurs "were not well informed on the actual situation" and explained that while China stood for the banning and destruction of nuclear weapons a small number of nuclear tests were needed to safeguard the country's security.

"This is endorsed by the great masses of the Chinese people," he said. "Repeated checks and surveys have found no harm done to the health of the inhabitants."

On birth control, he said minorities were allowed to have two and as many as four children.

India's shrinking forests threaten ruin

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

"India is on the road to ecological, economic and social disaster," according to the latest report of the New Delhi Centre for Science and Environment, in which 24 organizations throughout the country cooperated.

While India's natural resources, if properly managed could sustain at least three times the preset estimated 732 million people the way things are going now the country will find it difficult even to feed the existing population, the report coordinator, Mr Anil Agarval, research director at the centre, said.

Satelite data shows that the country is losing 1.3 million hectares of forest yearly – nearly eight times the rate indicated by government statistics. As a result of the consequent erosion, situation rates in dams are among the world's highest and river beds are rising, causing serious flooding.

"The forests are under critical strain," Mr Agarval said. "There is a tremendous demand for firewood and fodder, also wood for urban and industrial needs" – as much as 70 per cent of the country's overall energy requirements are met by wood fuel.

He estimated urban demand for firewood at 14 to 20 million tonnes a year, with even New Delhi, which has the highest per capita consumption of petroleum and petroleum products, accounting for 200,000 tonns of firewood a year.

"When the forest disappears and obtaining firewood difficult, people start burning cow dung, otherwise used as manure," he said. "So agricultural productivity declines and more land is brought under cultivation at the expense of grazing lands. The animals are put into the forest to feed and this stops any new trees coming up. There is a whole agricultural imbalance in virtually every sector."

The report says peasant women are being forced to spend much of their 16-hour day in collecting fuel, fodder and water. Because of the destruction of the forests, hill stations – Simla, Mossoorie, Ooty, Darjeeling, Shillong – "are dying everywhere" even if tourists are still pouring in.

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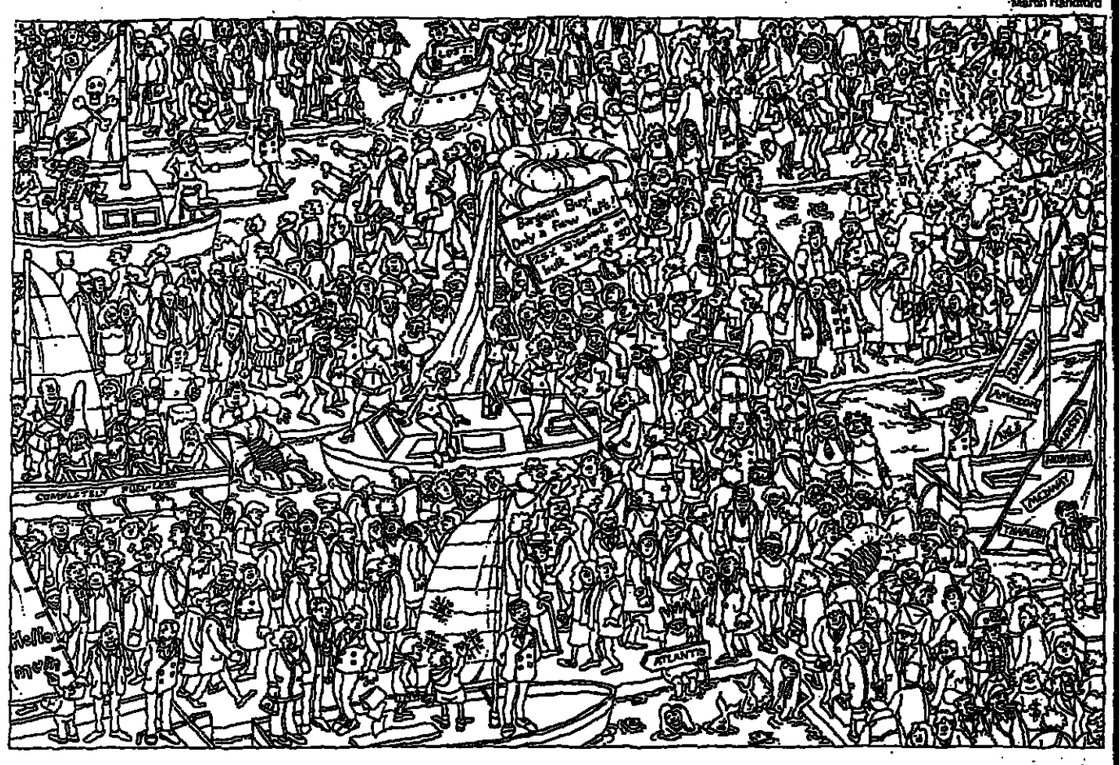
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Afloat on the show boats

In the depths of winter, the Boat Show, which starts tomorrow, turns a sailor's head to thoughts of sun and sea breezes. Libby Purves climbs aboard

Martin Handford



A man is climbing up the steps to the deck of a huge, sleek white yacht. The boat is firmly aground on a plush blue carpet 15 feet below him, and around its massive keel swirls a tide of men, women, and children. They seem to glance up respectfully as the man negotiates the teak side-deck with a carefully understated swagger: he is clearly a Real Yachtsman. He has got rubber-soled shoes on, and the same oiled sweater which he wore for his legendary crossing from Ramsgate to Ostend (and has now donned for the chilly drive in from Bromley).

The man steps into the cockpit, pats the immaculately varnished wheel, and greets the waiting salesman with a curt nod. He glances only fleetingly at the price tag on the leaflet: £200,000 ex VAT.

The salesman suspects, quite rightly, that this particular punter does not have a quarter of a million pounds. But he can't know for sure. Odd things happen at the Boat Show; millions change hands, on impulse. So he delivers his quiet, gentlemanly patter, hinting at trial sails in the spring, worriedly mentioning the international waiting-list for this model, emphasizing the computer-designed rigging plan but throwing in the occasional obsolescent word like "sea-kindly" as a concession to the man's nobbly sweater.

The visitor, meanwhile, pokes around happily among the mahogany cocktail bars and circular beds, the hydraulic sheet-winches, walk-in engine room and integrated satellite navigation systems of the great yacht. He is, as we thought, a real yacht-owner himself: master under God of 22 feet of slightly crazed plastic which currently lies on the frozen mud 10 miles up the River Crouch, with a light growth of winter mould creeping sluggishly across the narrow bunk-cushions.

But this is the Boat Show and a man can dream. Better than dream: he can criticize. Straightening up, our friend smiles condescendingly at the salesman. "Pretty poor bilge-pump filter in that locker", he says. "A bit Mickey Mouse. Now I always make a point of using. . . ."

When he has quite finished, he descends the broad steps with an unnecessary display of nimbleness, and strides along the aisle to explain luff-tensioning to the chap who makes the sails for Admiral's Cup winners. The salesman watches him go, sighs, puts back all the cushions, and goes back to scanning the crowd below for Arab headdresses.

The Earls Court Boat Show is a festival of democracy and dreams. Wistful young men with overdrafts arrange to meet at the Guinness tent and argue the relative merits of Formula 1 multihulls; hard-pressed sailing wives can study dream galleys all day and go away, almost contented, with a patent non-stick frying-pan and two metres of webbing to make a protective cook's belt like the one on the latest circumnavigator's racing boat.

Eager crews of both sexes take the opportunity to buy smart new oilskin jackets and run, as if by chance, into the chap who half-promised them a berth on the next Fastnet Race. Readers gather round the yachting magazine stands and sound off at the captive editor about his controversial leader on multiplait anchor-warps. Even if none of us ever bought a single thing – even if none of it were for sale we would continue to come in our thousands, just for the sake of the tribal ritual: it is a gathering of the boating clans.

The interesting thing about Earls Court is that it is no longer the only boat show, nor even the best. We now have the Southampton show in autumn, where the boats can actually be seen sailing, in real wind and water; and Birmingham, beloved of dinghy sailors. Yet the London show remains a vital part of the year.

My husband (who bought his first dinghy when he was sent by the BBC to cover the Boat Show – he got back with no report, a silly grin, and a 12-foot dinghy) considers it bad luck not to buy his *Reed's Nautical Almanac* for the year on the first day of the show. Last year I missed it, snowed up in Suffolk, and had a vague sense of excommunication for months. Missing the Boat Show is bad luck: bad ju-ju.

A great part of its appeal must be in the timing, which is perfect. Christmas is over. Bloated with food, heartily sick of indoor living and family claustrophobia, threatened with months more of winter, the yachtsman or aspiring yachtsman is in just the mood to dream.

There is a joyful sense of rebirth in putting on your blazer and deckshoes, and the great cavern of the exhibition hall feels like home.

The absurd showmanship, and the preternatural cleanliness and dryness of the boats, only add to the sense of carnival: the organizers' annual attempts to turn the murky central pool into a Mediterranean harbour or Cornish fishing-port are met with amused and delighted contempt by a nation whose chief recreation is despising one another's taste.

The various presentations and celebrity visits and raffles and displays of mast-posing by naval cadets create a pleasing bustle (one year Eamonn Andrews was hauled down on a breeches-buoy with the big red book). Despite the overcrowding and the frustrating little maps and the ever-soaring price of every single shackle and pot of paint, everyone is in a pretty good temper.

You go through stages of development at successive boat shows. I remember the tremulous days when we concentrated exclusively on the smaller boats, the possible buys – not, of course, with any intention of buying new, but to compare layouts and construction before plunging into the second-hand market.

Then there was the first joyful show when we actually owned the boat – and shopped intensively for equipment, squeaking with delight at new kinds of non-slip galley mat, signalling wildly over the gallery to each other when we found the right sort of rubber seal for the marine lavatory, and proudly carrying off special offer canisters of a polishing agent embarrassingly named "Boatpride".

Then came the quieter years, when the boat had everything it could reasonably contain and we came merely for tribal and ceremonial reasons, to have a drink and poke around the bookstalls and scoff at the overblown videos on the joys of Greek chartering.

You know you've really arrived, as a yachtsman, when you stump grimly past rows of gleaming boats, coloured sails, bikini-rich videos and oilskins in "new miracle fabrics", to buy one single sacrificial anode (a sort of zinc slug to screw on the hull and stop your exhaust pipe rusting), and a pamphlet on the new buoyage system.

We sold that boat, in the end, though. This year we shall be dreaming again. We shall walk up those steps with an exaggerated swagger, clamber into the cockpit, pat the wheel . . . watch out, sales force: here we come.

The Sailing Weekend Book by Libby Purves and Paul Heiney (Nautical Books, £12.50).

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From humble dinghies to flashy racing yachts

New Year's Day seems an odd time for the opening of the 32nd London International Boat Show. The Broads are blasted by rain, the Solent is awash with showers, and none but the most masochistic of enthusiasts would venture forth under sail.

And yet some 300,000 visitors are expected at Earl's Court during the next two weeks to scan the 469 exhibits on display. These range from the seven-foot dinghy, complete with pair of oars (£110), through the floating 40-foot gin palace (£500,000), to the Crusader, Britain's entry for the 1986 Americas Cup (cost undisclosed).

Planning for the Boat Show begins in earnest each May, seven months before the event, when a central theme is agreed between National Boatshows Ltd and the Ship and Boatbuilders National Federation. This year, 1986, the theme is to be "Britain's Floating Heritage", which means that Earl's Court is given over to a mixture of half-timbered Tudor artefacts and marine high-tech, a most bizarre hybrid, in which snorkelling lessons by the British Sub Aqua Club vie for the visitor's attention with items from the recently-raised flagship of Henry VIII's navy, the Mary Rose.

"This is the time when the industry is dormant", says Alan Treweeke, the show's chief press officer. "In the summer everyone is too busy going boating. Here, in the middle of winter, the exhibition appears like a ray of sunshine. By the time the customers have bought their boats and arranged their moorings, it will be summer."

Treweeke reckons that if just 5 per cent of the visiting public make a purchase at the Boat Show, it will justify the exhibitors' outlay. That outlay is substantial, with the cost of transport, staff, and stand rental running at about £75,000 for an average-sized craft.

Among the "dream boats" at the 1986 show is the 31-foot Riva St Tropez (top speed: 50 mph), described by the manufacturers, Lewis Marine, as "the plaything of kings, princes, multi-millionaires and superstars". At £62,000, who would quibble with the definition?

At the other end of the scale, the DIY enthusiast can buy boats in kit form at about half the price of a finished vessel; second-hand offers from Walton Marine list between £2,000 and £10,000 or you can get your boating for nothing by offering your yacht for charter.

Tenkon (UK) Ltd is showing its Reverse Osmosis Watermaker, which can produce 380 litres of drinking water from the sea each day (£4,000), and for the workaholic executive there is the briefcase-size portable ship-to-shore telex system which can double as a personal home computer (£3,275 plus VAT).

If boating seems too serious a proposition, you can always invest in the nautical equivalent of motor bike scrambling gear – a pair of jet skis which will whisk you across the surface at 60mph, and leave you lighter by a mere £3,000.

Anne Whitehouse

The London International Boat Show is open from January 1-12: weekdays 10am-8pm, weekends 10am-7pm. Admission January 1-3, £6.50 including catalogue (children under 14 £3). All other days £3.20 (children £1.60). January 6-10 after 5pm £1.60 (children £1.10).

A longer arm for the law – but at what cost to civil rights?

Sweeping reforms of police powers and a new code of rights for citizens come into force tomorrow

It's Saturday night and there are shouts and screams from next door. What do you do when you suspect your neighbour is a wife batterer? Do you, as you have done in the past, ignore the commotion, telling yourself that the police are reluctant to intervene in domestic disputes? But from now on, a telephone call to the police is more likely to produce results; it could lead to the arrest and subsequent conviction of your neighbour on the strength of his wife's evidence.

The new rule on admissibility of evidence is just one example of how policing in England and Wales is about to undergo its biggest change for half a century. From tomorrow sweeping reforms of police powers and practice, coupled with a new code of rights for citizens, come into force.

Mr Giles Shaw, Home Office Minister of State, describes the proposed changes as "historic", marking "the beginning of a new era of modernized and codified police powers, with the safeguards necessary to protect the rights of the individual citizen".

The changes are contained in the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, the main plank of this Government's law and order policy and a massive piece of legislation which has involved every one of 120,000 police officers in England and Wales in a special three-day training course.

Inevitably the changes have provoked criticism from all sides. Civil libertarians see it as a strengthening of police powers with only "illusory" safeguards for suspects; the police, for their part, say their investigations will now be hampered by the need to adhere to detailed codes of practice.

Marie Staunton, legal officer of the National Council for Civil Liberties, said: "The move away from policing by consent to policing by coercion represented by the Act will affect citizens in the street, in the road, and in their homes". The Act, she said, gave the police effective new powers in contrast to the safeguards for citizens which could be inadequate.

The Act allows for tape recording of police interviews

But either way the effects are wide-ranging. The Act firstly extends and rationalizes police powers to stop and search, arrest, enter, search and seize. It provides the first statutory scheme of rules for detention and questioning in police stations; it will bring in, within the next three years, tape recording of police interviews with suspects and creates the first national scheme for solicitors to be on call, 24 hours a day, to suspects in police stations.

It also sets up a new Police Complaints Authority, which started work six months ago supervising all complaints against the police of a serious nature or in the public interest; and it reforms the law on what is admissible as evidence in trials.

The police will, for example, have power – new in most areas outside London – to stop and search people and vehicles for stolen goods and offensive weapons; to fingerprint and body-search children from the age of 10 and to arrest someone on reasonable suspicion.

But against all this the new powers of arrest and on evidence mean that the law may be tougher in cases of wife-battering. Police, now reluctant to interfere in cases of domestic violence, may be more keen to take action because wives, under the new law, can be compelled to give evidence against their husbands.

The exercise of the new powers is also hemmed in by extensive safeguards: "reasonable grounds for suspicion" in the use of stop, search and arrest must be based on fact; it cannot be mere hunch. There is no power to detain someone to find grounds for a search and "a person's colour", say the codes of practice, "can never be a reasonable ground for suspicion", nor their mode of dress.

The Act itself is underpinned by detailed codes of practice. They replace the little-known "Judges' Rules", an ill-defined and general statement of procedure in police stations which one MP has said were more honoured in the breach than the observance.

Both the Act and codes are aimed at improving public confidence in the police. They mark a 10-year process of reforming police powers which was started as a result of public disquiet over police methods.

One of the major events which triggered that disquiet was the Confait case: in 1975 three young men who had been convicted of murder, manslaughter and arson had their convictions quashed by the Court of Appeal because, it said, police investigations had not been satisfactorily conducted and their confessions, made without a lawyer or parent present, were unreliable.

The subsequent inquiry led to the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure. That Commission's report in 1978 forms the basis of the new Act.

Magistrates will be able to issue warrants to enable police to search premises for evidence of serious crimes, but papers subject to legal privilege, personal, medical and counselling records and confidential journalistic material are all exempt.

There are new codified powers of arrest for all offences carrying five or more years of imprisonment, and on reasonable suspicion of any offence where, for instance, a name and address cannot be established, or where the officer believes arrest necessary to prevent physical injury or public mischief.

Detention in custody will from January 1 be covered by statutory time limits. Normally detention without charge will be up to 24 hours after which it must be authorized by a senior officer and only for a serious offence. Beyond 36 hours the suspect must be brought before a full magistrates' court where he can have a lawyer and the police may apply for an extension of the time limit, up to a maximum of 96 hours.

An important safeguard for detention will be the first statutory right to communicate privately with a solicitor and from January 1 the duty solicitor scheme will start with on-call solicitors available throughout the country for all suspects in police stations. The Act also provides for tape recording of suspects' interviews, now being tested in six field trials with possible implementation nationally by 1987.

GUIDELINES

- National power for police to stop and search people and cars "on reasonable suspicion" for stolen goods, offensive weapons and other items.
- Magistrates empowered to issue warrants to police to search premises for evidence of serious crime.
- Power of arrest for all offences with five or more years' imprisonment and for all other offences in certain, specified circumstances.
- New, statutory scheme on detention – up to maximum of 96 hours and subject to review by the courts – and questioning and treatment in custody. Tape recording of interviews.
- New rules on what is admissible as evidence plus stricter rules on confessions. Wives can be made to testify against husbands.
- New Police Complaints Authority – now in force.

Wives may be compelled to give evidence against their husbands

There will also be a custody officer appointed in every police station where suspects are held, with responsibilty for the custody record and for ensuring the codes of practice are followed. The suspect will have a right to the record.

Finally the Act reforms the law on admissibility of evidence. As well as wives being compelled to give evidence against husbands, there are new rules governing the admissibility of confessions. It will be for the court to decide if a breach of a code makes the evidence unreliable.

Criticisms have been as wide as the act itself. Civil libertarians fear, chiefly, that police will breach the codes because they are not statutory.

They also say that despite the extent of the safeguards, exemptions are wide. Ms Staunton said: "We have already seen how the safeguards on detention and questioning are the first to go when the police are stretched."

It will be some time before it is clear whether the Act has improved police practice and breaches of the codes are the exception rather than the norm.

It will be up to the courts, the NCCL says, "to ensure that parliament's intentions to provide real safeguards for the citizen are upheld." But at least, for the first time, the principles are defined, are laid down and public – and all concerned agree that it is a major step towards restoring confidence in the work of the police.

Frances Gibb



Stop and search: but only with reasonable suspicion

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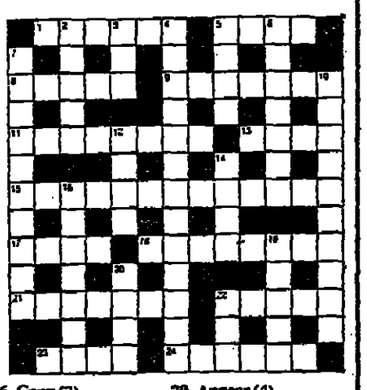
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FASHION



Big time: from *Breaking All The Rules* by Nancy Roberts



Putting it all together: from *Dress for Your Lifestyle* by Kathryn Samuel



Just checking: from *Dress Your Best* by Jane Procter

Good dress sense: read all about it

There are any number of fashion manuals around, but Josephine Fairley wonders how helpful they are in advising us what to wear

When I was 13, my mother benevolently bestowed on me a slim volume entitled *In Search of Charm* – a commodity with which, in common with many teenagers, I was visibly under-endowed.

These days, the book is dusted off at dinner parties to entertain guests with such nostalgic scraps of fashion etiquette as the necessity to carry a spare pair of gloves at all times. In 1969, however, it was my fashion bible.

I suspect that many of the recent rich harvest of fashion handbooks will be bought for a similar purpose – educating teenagers in the subtle art of what to wear with what. But teenagers haven't cornered the market in insecurity: every woman I know nurses a not-so-secret fear that they will enter a restaurant to a chorus of whispers, above which will audibly rise, "Someone should have told her not to wear that".

Pointing out those "dos and don'ts", encouraging us to cast a fresh eye over our wardrobes, to be honest about our shapes, and to understand that it is not necessary to be wafer-thin or to have a neck like a swan in order to look wonderful, is all big business.

Big is a word close to Nancy Roberts's heart. Author of *Breaking All the Rules* (Viking, £12.95), a book about "feeling good and looking great – no matter what your size", she suffered greater agonies than most with her appearance.

The first half of her book chronicles Nancy's own see-sawing weight, her early obsession with food and, ultimately, her nirvana: a state of emotional well-being entirely unrelated to her hip measurement. It is a celebration of the fact that any woman looks good provided she thinks she does. Even if, like Nancy, you weigh in at 15 stone.

Therein lies the art of a successful fashion handbook. It should assist the reader to highlight her good points, come to terms with her faults (and subsequently implement some optical illusions if necessary).

What Nancy advocates is flouting the rules, for which I applaud her. But I know women of half her dress size who feel uncomfortable in horizontal stripes, and I feel instinctively that the average British woman would rather dress to disguise her size than flaunt it in fleecy red boiler suits, flouncy evening dresses and clinging track suits. Outsize hips demand a personality on the same scale if you are to dress flagrantly yet still feel at ease.

I don't doubt that by reading *Breaking All the Rules*, many of the 47 per cent of British women who are sized 14 and over will emerge feeling more assured about their attributes, whatever their proportions. But many will still prefer to follow the rules in their personal quest for clothes confidence.

Jane Procter's *Dress Your Best* (Macdonald, £11.95) offers the most comprehensive advice for wardrobe-builders, teamed with nitty gritty snippets on clothes care, choosing a comfortable bra and how to analyze your basic body shape.

It is well-established, for example, that colour has a significant effect on our well-being. But *Colour Right, Dress Right* (Dorling & Kindersley, £6.95) falls down because it attempts not to guide but to dictate to its readers which colours will enhance their appearance. As a "pale blonde" (one of only four main categories in the book), I cast an eye over the shades earmarked for my skin tone and hair colour by authors Anne H. Adams and Liz E. London. (I did not follow their advice to cut out the cardboard colour chart for instant reference when shopping for clothes, cosmetics and accessories. Like most people, I have enough trouble finding my cheque card at the crucial moment, let alone a personal spectrum.)

Three of their "core colours" – bottle green, purple, deep red – were eternally banished from my rail space years ago. I simply never felt at home in them. I know from expensive trial and error that the "neutral colours" they proffer as perfect give me all the individuality and allure of a brown paper bag. To cap it all, black – the permanent cure-all wardrobe colour for the busy woman who doesn't have long to think about her clothes or time to make daily pilgrimages to the dry cleaners (hence its enduring popularity) – is reserved, according to the authors, strictly for brunettes.

For a teenager trying to eke out a well co-ordinated existence on an allowance, the book offers a foundation course in colour combining. But I can't help feeling that the same teenager would do better to shop with a friend on whose truthful appraisal she can rely, or to head straight for one of the high street chains like Next, Warehouse or the new-style Marks & Spencer. They cater cleverly for the unconfident, and stock colour co-ordinating outfits which enable women to dress head-to-toe stylishly but ultimately safely. The customers can be secure in the knowledge that a fashion expert has already assembled the outfits – capitalizing on the identical insecurity which the fashion handbooks do.

In truth, though, fashion is precisely what the books ignore. In an effort to extend their shelf-life, and with laboriously long production schedules, they must ignore extremes of style and steer towards median hemlines. None of which is much help to a bemused customer who, due to fashion's fickle nature, runs the risk of looking like a stylish highwaywoman one day and an alien the next.

Dress for Your Lifestyle (Marks & Spencer, £2.50) nonetheless offers creative advice on colours and basic shapes and, with full-colour illustrations and photographs on every page, is impressive value for money. As Fashion Editor of *Working Woman* magazine, author Kathryn Samuel understands better than most the constraints placed upon the wardrobes of career women. While she acknowledges the necessity to look apposite, she never intimates that we should follow the example of our transatlantic counterparts and dress like clones.

It was this follow-my-leader vogue which catalyzed dozens of tedious American "Dress for Success" manuals. Nevertheless, it is the fiercely competitive British job market which will probably ensure the success of all these books. I believe that we have in fact taken a retrograde step since the era whose slogan was "anything goes". That was dandy while there was 100 per cent employment but the reality is that, in a cut-throat climate, dressing the part matters more and more.

It is arrogant and short-sighted for any woman to imagine that her qualifications alone will win her the job against 400 other keen and well-turned-out hopefuls. Dressing appropriately for meetings, for interviews and in all but the most relaxed social setting is becoming crucial again.

So, if a fashion manual can help a woman to put together a look for a successful interview, acknowledge a figure problem or prevent her making a costly fashion mistake, then it is money well-spent. Books will naturally never take the place of fashion magazines, which reflect the shifting sands of style.

But what we are left with when fashion has fled is a wardrobe full of mismatched garments. For anyone not courageous enough to break the rules, putting them together is a minefield through which books can sometimes steer us. And, mercy, at least in 1986 we don't have to worry about carrying a spare pair of gloves any more.

Josephine Fairley is editor of Honey magazine.

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Suzy Menkes is on holiday



Tapestry knit sweater from Edina Ronay

SALES TALK

Knitting up a bargain

Every year the January sales generate a form of mild mass hysteria with earnest fund-raisers camping on icy pavements and over-determined bargain hunters standing in freezing queues. Do you really want that turquoise acrylic cardi, or is it the appeal of a 50 per cent off label and the challenge of the department store battleground?

But a truly covetable item can be worth turning out to brave the high streets for, particularly if it is something that you have yearned for throughout the season but haven't been able to afford.

With the recent boom in designer knitwear, pure wool or cashmere sweaters and cardigans have become fashionable garments as well as being just warm and practical. This season saw the opening of the Nicole Farhi shop inside Fenwick of Bond Street. Among the rows of classic tailored separates, designed by her for the Stephen Marks label, are soft Arran-type sweaters with V or cowl necks in rich buttermilk cream wool. Their price tag of £117 has dropped to £75.

Also from Fenwick are reductions on Kay Cosserat's well-established knitwear label. Long sweaters with "Fred Perry" collars and dark checks of rust and navy blue are reduced from £109 to £69 and short woolly waistcoats have gone from £105 to £79.

The Edina Ronay shops inside Liberty and in the Kings Road contain clothes which most of us can only afford to stand and stare at. But a 25 per cent reduction throughout for the sale may tempt you to buy some beautifully designed delicate lace-knit cardigans, or crisp clean cricket sweaters in jewel-coloured Arrans. Normally selling at three-figure prices, Edina Ronay knitwear is an investment for your wardrobe that will never date.

January is the perfect month to visit S. Fisher in Covent Garden. The range of thick chunky sweaters in shades of heather and moss is ideal for keeping out chills on country walks across wuthering downs or on bleak winter beaches.

A general reduction of 30 per cent at Browns in South Molton Street brings a galaxy of designer names within reach of meagre budgets. Luxurious cashmere cardigans in paint-box colours by Jean Muir and bold stripes from the Sonia Rykiel graphics collection are just two examples, and you will find the much-sought-after polo-neck sweater which has been a major fashion story this season.

Whistles also have a 30 per cent reduction on designer knitwear, including brightly patterned sweaters by Ros Joffe and floral tapestry cardigans with solid brass buttons by Lena Stengard.

The luxury of cashmere always makes it a desirable Christmas present. But if Santa let you down this year, soften the blow by checking out the rainbow of cashmere colours which have been reduced from £99 to £66 at Dickins and Jones, Regent Street.

Rebecca Tyrrel

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A JOE'S DIARY

Joseph Connolly

By any other name – please

Joe's Cafe. I once nurtured a slender ambition to open a very *up-market* eating-place bearing this name – not to emulate the inverted snobberies of Terence Conran's "soup kitchens" or Nick's Diner of the Sixties, nor yet to fulfil some latent yearning to become a caterer or a cook, but simply to make just one example of the place *exist*.
Have *you* ever seen a Joe's Cafe? No you haven't, despite it being the generic term for every greasy and sleazy dump in the country. The abbreviation of my Christian name suffers many such injustices; sometimes it makes me want to rend my garment (coat of many colours, at time of writing) because "Joe", it appals me to tell you, is usually seen to be a synonym for common; I say "usually" because sometimes it connotes far worse.

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Look at the man-in-the-street. John Smith? No, Joe Bloggs. You have never encountered *anyone* called Joe Bloggs, have you? The surname doesn't even occur in the London telephone directory. There are ten listings under "Blogg", it is true, but none enjoys the initial J.

It seems that the history of abuse is a long one. A "Joe Miller" is a stale, boring old joke, apparently named after a 17th-century comedian who was, we are led to understand, this side of corpsingly funny. Do you know that the *OED* lists the word "Joe-caul"? This, it hardly surprised me to learn, is "an obsolete perversion of jackal".

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Plain "Joe" is RAF slang. We know about their rather chummy use of "Roger" and that the dependable old automatic pilot is fondly referred to as George, so what can they mean by Joe? "One imposed upon to perform unpleasant tasks"; of course. The Americans seem to have latched on to this one too – GI Joe, the sad sack with the dog-tag who seems perenially doomed to fatigues involving latrines.

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"Joey" – a rather friendly sort of appellation, you'd think – can mean all manner of things, take your choice: a loony circus clown, a chattering parrot, a young kangaroo (God help us) or – wait for it – a fourpenny bit. A *fourpenny bit!* Can there be anything in the whole wide world less capable of inspiring confidence?

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Delving back into history for a touch of class, I find that there aren't any Joes at all – except for bloody Stalin, immediately placing the name on a par with Attila. Of course, in more gracious times, gentlemen of letters were reluctant to abbreviate their forenames (understandable with one so utterly beyond reproach as Joseph – it means "one whose chastity is above temptation") and so one never hears mention of good old Joe Conrad, no sir, and the historian Josephus seemed content to keep the name intact, no doubt in order to sidestep potential embarrassment.

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No, history is a dead loss. What of more modern times? Well, it sickens me to remind you that in the Fifties a particularly repellent and shapeless sort of a pullover thing was christened (what else) a Sloppy Joe, and that in the ensuing decade Jimi Hendrix sang of a Joe who was on his way to gun down his old lady, while Manfred Mann crowed about having their "Mo-Jo" working, whatever more than usually ghastly thing *that* might be. I refuse even to wonder.

Could there be no hope, then? Is there not one single association that one could be *proud* of? It appeared not. I rifled every reference book known to man – even to *The Times Atlas*, this resulting only in Jo'burg, and that, I gather, commemorates not a Joseph but a Johannes

By this time I was getting into a lather (which rendered me nothing so much as Joe Soap, I suppose) and had I not happened upon Snoopy (to say nothing of Scottish dialect) my quest for honour would have been totally in vain.

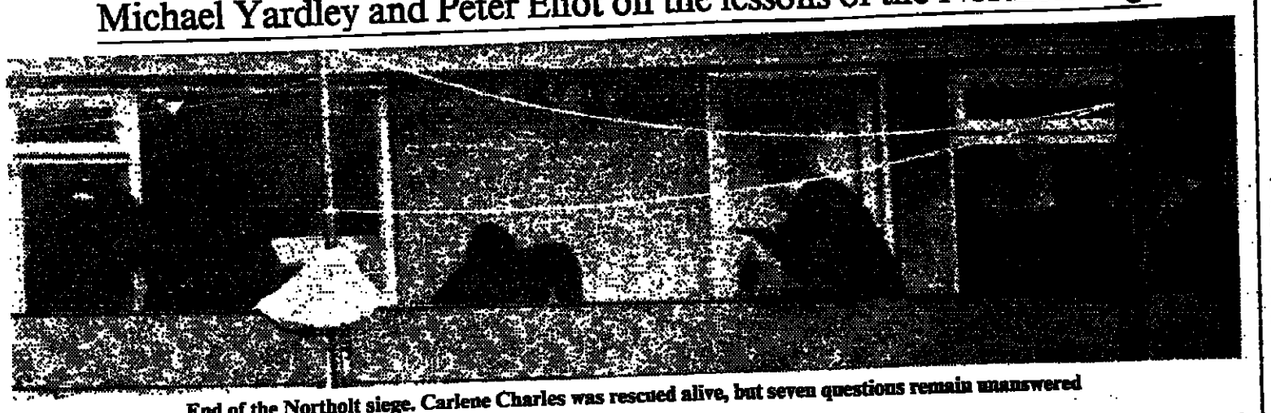
"Joe Cool", the streetwise beagle wearing dark glasses, made me hold my head up high: at last, a prestige. But it was the sheer, downright *intelligence* of the Scots which saved my reason: the word "Jo" (I myself use Jo as opposed to Joe, working on the premise that if a name is to be shortened it makes little sense to lengthen the abbreviation) means either "joy" or "one who is utterly beloved". Oh, what joy. Or Jo.

BARRY FANTONI



'Fancy seeing a book?"

Michael Yardley and Peter Eliot on the lessons of the Northolt siege



End of the Northolt siege. Carlene Charles was rescued alive, but seven questions remain unanswered

Need the police be so wide of the mark?

The Metropolitan Police said its operation to release four-year-old Carlene Charles was entirely successful. Few, however, will have been persuaded. There was hesitation on the part of officers, a breakdown in police communication, a failure to use technical aids effectively and there seems to have been a general lack of contingency planning.

For senior Metropolitan Police officers to pretend that gross errors were not made not only misleads the public but is unfair to the rank and file officers who undertake this sort of hazardous work. Only greater objectivity about operational failures will ensure, eventually, that the police are tactically competent and technically equipped with the best available tools. Public relations, such as the new effort to bolster public confidence in police siege procedures, must take second place.

A succession of incidents in Birmingham and London in recent months has shown that both the principles and practice of police use of weapons need to be methodically examined. This has never been done. Operations training and firearms practice have developed haphazardly and vary wildly across the country. Some regional police forces have innovated, notably West Yorkshire, Essex and Devon and Cornwall. Others use equipment and training methods which are dangerously ineffective.

For example, one provincial force was until recently teaching its officers to use their revolvers in single-action mode – in other words cocking the hammer manually. This method has been shown time and again to be dangerous because, in situations where police use weapons, the slight trigger pressure that could fire the weapon accidentally is more likely.

Only recently (and in apparent ignorance of a vast body of academic work in the United States) did the Home Office recommend that British police should abandon the ineffective round-nose pattern bullet, the most commonly issued, and substitute for it a 125-158 grain truncated cone or semi-wad-cutter design.

Round-nose bullets do not have adequate stopping power. The law states that "deadly force may only be used to stop the imminent threat of serious injury or death to yourself or another." *Stop* is the word: round-nose bullets cannot reliably stop. Let us hope that an officer issued with round-nose bullets (some forces still use them) never has to take action to prevent an assassination.

Perhaps the most serious mistake many forces have made is to fail to give their men adequte stress training. The armed policeman needs to be far more than a good shot at paper targets. His training should centre on how well he makes instant decisions under stress. Courses for senior officers who command armed constables and marksmen are needed, too.

What training can do is educate by others' mistakes. For every incident in Britain there have been many similar in the US; case studies about them have been published. Yet some senior British officers seem unwilling to learn. The Metropolitan Police said after the shooting of Stephen Waldorf and that of Mrs Cheri Groce that they had examined their operational procedures and training and could not see how training could be improved. That cannot be right.

At present chief police officers are under no obligation to follow the Home Office guidelines on firearms training, which are themsleves inadequate. What is needed is a committee of inquiry to elucidate the functions of the armed policeman in modern Britain. It should consider the need for a Home Office-controlled national firearms school at which commanding officers, instructors and tactical firearms unit members might be trained with standardized procedures and equipment.

At present approximately one in five policemen in London and one in ten in the provinces receives weapons training. Although roughly the same number of men might be required to contain future incidents, the committee of inquiry should consider concentrating resources on specialist units which would resolve them.

These units would be made up of officers whose only function was firearms duties. The SAS has proved so effective against terrorists because it practises constantly to counter hypothetical incidents. Too often the burden of other duties prevents policemen receiving adequate follow-up training.

The need for a rethink is reinforced by the following questions about the Northolt siege:

- Had a contingency plan been made which considered the possibility that Errol Walker might try to make a brief exit from his flat? If such a plan did exist, was an officer detailed to attempt entry by the front door while others tried to overpower him? Was the use of plastic bullets considered as a means of rapidly disabling Walker without resorting to the use of lethal force?
- Why, after the decision to use stun grenades had been made, was there a delay of approximately six seconds between breaking the window of the flat – effectively informing Walker that a police assault was about to start – and throwing a grenade inside?
- What was the reason for the apparent lack of communication between police assault teams and why was there a delay of approximately seven seconds before the second grenade was thrown?
- Why, after the detonation of the second grenade, did it take more than 10 seconds before an officer was able to get in? Were the officers using the grenades aware that the disorientation they cause is usually considered to last for about three seconds?
- Why did the operational commander not detail two officers with sledgehammers to break down the front door immediately the grenades were thrown? Why did the officers who entered the flat climb rather than roll through the window?
- Was there a contingency plan for members of the police team to fire at Walker from outside the flat if immediate entry was not effected and if Walker was seen to be attacking the child?
- Why were the officers who finally undertook the assault improperly dressed for the operation?

It is because such questions are pressing that a national inquiry into our armed police is needed.

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Bernard Levin: the way we live now

Spoken like a true citizen, Mr Caine



Paula Youens

I am constantly finding myself amused by fresh instances of the modern fashion, among holders of important offices, for attempting to commit *hara-kiri* with a blunt knife. Some public figure lets it be known that he has "offered" his resignation. His superior or employer, to whom this generous but chimerical offer has been made, first "considers" it, and then decides to "reject" it: the ballet usually concludes with mutual expressions of esteem.

The most recent example of this ritual was the "offer of resignation" made by Laurent Fabius, the French prime minister, to President Mitterrand, who "refused" it. Nobody in France, as far as I can see (let alone in Britain), has asked what precisely would have happened if M Fabius, instead of his *démission imaginaire*, had simply announced that he had resigned and been photographed clearing out his desk and leaving his office. Did he fear that he would be sued for six months' wages in lieu of notice?

Which brings me, for reasons that will soon be made clear, to Nalgo, and in particular its Brent council branch. It was obvious from the start that Nalgo had little stomach for a fight following the dismissal of the social workers which had resulted from the Blom-Cooper report on the death of Jasmine Beckford: the threats of a strike in support of the dismissed Nalgo members rapidly petered out, the protests being left to the correspondence columns of *The Guardian* ("I am appalled by the contemptible sacking of three social workers by Brent council . . ."); possibly the dictates of union solidarity weakened under the realization that if Nalgo officials pushed defence of their "victimized" colleagues too far the actual *people* of Brent (little discussed, and less regarded, in this business) might stage a few good old-fashioned lynchings. Nevertheless, they protested first, and even spoke of "scapegoats".

Now let us go to Woolworth's, in the company of Mr Michael Caine, the film actor, and price paint and paint brushes. You can get five litres of high-gloss for £7.95, and for £1.19 they will sell you a stout brush, 12cm wide, to slap it on with. As for nails, Woolies are practically giving them away; half a kilo of one-inchers for £1.65, and a serviceable hammer for not much more than a couple of quid.

The philosopher's stone that transmutes all this gibberish into coherence is the idea of responsibility. I wrote about it a few weeks ago, and am returning to it today because I begin to think that it may soon become the crucial question of our time.

Starting from where I left off, there is a question to be faced in the matter of the GLC's admirable Taxicard scheme, by which disabled people, unable to use buses and tubes, may get about in taxis for a flat fare of £1, the rest of the charge on the clock being borne by the rates. The question is a simple one: should those disabled people who can amply afford the full fare be obliged to pay it, or should they be subsidized, as those who cannot afford to pay are subsidized? Leave aside the important fact that if the rich take money from the common pot there will be less left in the pot for the poor; let us concentrate entirely on the principle. For the principle is responsibility: if you can comfortably afford to pay for your social needs, ought you to ask other people to pick up your bills?

But there are other such tests to be applied. No doubt the three social workers dismissed in Brent felt that their superiors, who dismissed them, would have been better engaged in sacking themselves; it is a view that I share. But if the three also felt that, irrespective of how far up the chain of command the dismissals should have reached, they were themselves unfairly treated, then a vital screw has fallen out of the machinery of Britain's moral order, and everybody had better stop what they are doing and help to hunt for it.

M Fabius took a decidedly relaxed view of his responsibility, having resigned, to stay resigned. The Brent "scapegoats" were so spectacularly irresponsible that they could not even guess at the extent of their own incompetence. And Mr Caine – well, now, he seems to me the key figure in these tales.

Mr Caine recently expressed himself with some vigour on the subject of country. He had encountered, in an area of considerable poverty, a widespread insistence that "they" should provide a job for those without one. "Who are they talking about?", asked Mr Caine, "God?" Even more remarkable was the attitude to the dilapidated condition of the premises in which these interesting questions were being discussed; apparently, "they" had not sent men to do the necessary repairs and decorations.

That, of course, was where Woolworth's got into the discussion, since Mr Caine wanted to know why people were more willing to live in shabby conditions, waiting for somebody else to improve them, than to ply their own paint and knock in their own nails. And the reason his question intrigued me so greatly, apart from its intrinsic significance, was that I asked precisely the same question, in precisely the same form, about a dozen years ago. I received no answer to it, and I do not suppose that Mr Caine will do any better than I did.

I know that some people are too poor to afford even the modest cost of improving their surroundings. I also know that there are still local authorities who forbid their tenants to alter the appearance of their premises, though I cannot believe that they would apply the rule to a straightforward job of renovation. But that leaves a substantial number waiting for God to roll up his sleeves.

Let us not have (although we have already had) abuse of Mr Caine on the ground that he is very rich. His origins were as far on the wrong side of the tracks as mine were; further, indeed, for he was born in the Old Kent Road itself, and even I managed University College Hospital. His present affluence was acquired through his talent, and nothing else at all. Talent, unlike paint, cannot be bought at Woolworth's; on the other hand, painting the door requires no great skill, and anyway there are instructions on the tin.

If you want to see this problem in a fitting context, try reading Flora Thompson's *Lark Rise to Candleford*. The people of that masterpiece were very considerably poorer than the poorest of our inner cities; yet it never occurred to them to wait for somebody else to mend a leak, *and not only because they would have waited in vain*. Throughout the book, responsibility permeates every situation, although I do not think the word occurs in it, and almost every character (remember the book is not a novel) accepts his or her share of it instinctively. Or listen to Dickens, presenting the prizes to members of the Mechanics Institutions and Mutual Improvement Societies, in 1858:

> There are two poor brothers from near Chorley, who work from morning to night in a coal-pit, and who, in all weathers, have walked eight miles a night, three nights a week, to attend the classes in which they have gained distinction. . . There is a moulder in an iron foundry who, whilst he was working twelve hours a day before the furnace, got up at four o'clock in the morning to learn drawing. . . There is a piecer at mule-frames, who could not read at eighteen, who is now a man of little more than thirty, who is the sole support of an aged mother, who is arithmetical teacher in the institution in which he himself was taught, who writes of himself that he made the resolution never to take up a subject without keeping to it, and who has kept to it with such an astonishing will, that he is now well versed in Euclid and Algebra, and is the best French scholar in Stockport. . . There is . . . a most remarkable man . . . who worked when he was a mere baby at hand-loom weaving until he dropped from fatigue; who began to teach himself as soon as he could earn five shillings a week; who is now a botanist . . . who is a naturalist . . . who is now a conchologist . . . and has also preserved and collected the mosses of fresh waters and the sea; who is worthily the president of his own Literary Institution; and who was at his work this time last night as foreman in a mill.

The rejection of the doctrine of our own responsibilities comes not only from those like Jeremy Seabrook, the journalist who wears his bleeding heart on his sleeve, for there is the argument from the right, too; tittering and mincing, they squeal their hatred of the Welfare State, which has supposedly corrupted the poor. But both sets of critics are essentially using the same argument; it is based on the assumption that human beings are *nothing* but helpless, unlucky, put-upon, exploited and deprived victims, statistics, clients, patients and automata. Nowhere is there any recognition of our own contribution to our own successes or failures, let alone our own duty to ourselves. I would not expect a modern bishop to talk about the soul without giggling, but is there not even a word to be said, by anyone, for character? Flora Thompson's family and neighbours, and Dickens's prize-winners, had nothing when they started and precious little when they finished. But that little included something very precious indeed: self-respect. A few pounds spent at Woolworth's with a view to papering the parlour, and a mirror in the staff-room at Brent Council, for encouraging introspection, might work wonders along those lines. As for Fabius, I wouldn't half laugh if Mitterrand had refused the resignation only because he has plans to sack him later in a more spectacular manner.

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Roger Scruton

Equality in the Bland of Nod

Socialists invariably point to America as the main offender against the egalitarian ideal. They describe a country where property, profit and advertising dominate the collective consciousness, where law is fierce, adversarial and unscrupulous, and where politics is hectoring and vulgar, devoted to the lowest of human concerns. In other words, they refer precisely to those things which assure the ordinary American that he is the equal of those who govern him.

There is no more effective equalizer than American capitalism, and if its results are offensive to the person of refined sensibilities, they are on the whole far more agreeable to those affected by them than the results of socialist planning. Moreover, thanks to the US constitution, this equality is proud, monumental and even noble – a fact recorded 150 years ago by de Tocqueville, and just as evident today.

The pursuit of equality is also an important American pastime. Reformers, pressure groups, idle professors, the media – all spend their days in search of hitherto unnoticed inequalities so that the machinery will be set up to break them down. The egalitarian causes of the modern world – civil liberties, feminism, Third Worldism, anti-racism, and many more – originated not in the world of "real socialism" but on the American campus and in the American press.

It is here, in the self-intoxicated brain of the system, that the American spirit engenders its most fantastic schemes for the further emancipation of mankind. If you wish to prepare yourself for the next wave of egalitarian enthusiasm, therefore, you should attend not the fringe meetings of the Labour Party conference but the fringe courses ("feminist studies", "Third World studies", "ethnic studies", and a dozen more) in an American university.

In 1980 a goverament-funded organization in New York, the Council on Interracial Books for Children, issued a set of guidelines for selecting "bias-free textbooks and story books" (i.e. books with an egalitarian bias). While rehearsing the feminist objections to Grimm, Andersen, Dickens and similar corrupters of the young, the book made some interesting new suggestions as to what should be consigned to the flames.

Racism, sexism, elitism, conformism and materialism are of course unacceptable; so too, however, are ageism, youthism, even handicapism (displayed in R.L. Stevenson's positively horrid portrait of the one-legged, one-eyed Long John Silver). The remedy for these evils is "affirmative action" which, with congressional help, is now being embarked upon. We are to expect a whole new kind of children's book in which one-eyed, one-legged black women of indeterminate age triumph (but with exemplary gentleness) over the evils of capitalism.

The anonymous authors provide us with a "rating instrument" by which to guide our censorship. A book can be classified, for example, as "racist by omission" (which "means that Third World people could logically be included but are not"), or "non-racist" (where "*non* before a negative value means that the book's impact is neutral in that regard and does nothing to challenge the status quo, thereby reinforcing it"), or "anti-racist" (the acceptable posture).

This is only one test, of course, and even if you could squeeze a few Third World people into the revised edition of *A Christmas Carol*, you are not going to get past the hurdle of handicapism without eliminating Tiny Tim. Such problems do not bother the authors. For it is obviously better that children should not read the classics than that they should acquire anti-egalitarian (or even non-egalitarian) values. (So much, however, for anti-conformism.)

Unlike British rubbish in this vein, the American is open, cheerful and friendly. However far you go, the American believes, your opponent is never your enemy. One of the merits of an egalitarian culture is that opposition is respected, and compromise desired. The writers happily expose their cavernous ignorance of opposing points of view, only because they fully expect to settle for less in the way of book burning than ideally desirable.

By contrast, in the European climate, where such matters are settled by conspiratorial elites, the egalitarian passion assumes a character of vehement hatred and will press onwards to total victory or defeat. In such circumstances political equality is not desired – and certainly not by those who campaign for it.

The anti-egalitarian is therefore far safer in America, where he is treated as an equal, than in Britain, where he is not. Americans truly wish minorities to define themselves for themselves, and are generous to a fault in helping them to do so. Like every endangered species, the anti-egalitarian is assiduously protected. American academics, for instance, although just as left-leaning as their British counterparts, will permit a conservative to move freely among them and never betray the conviction that he secretly dresses in Nazi uniform, eats babies, or takes bribes from the CIA.

The American liberal is a true opponent of handicapism, and will therefore treat his conservative colleague graciously and warmly, providing him with special facilities suited to his disability, and allowing him to compete for positions of privilege. And he will do his best to ensure that the conservative's chances of success correspond precisely to the numerical strength of his academic minority.

American equality is the result of that thing which egalitarians most vehemently deplore: open competition. A "non-competitive" order, an order of gentle sheep, marks the end of true equality. For gentle sheep invite an ungentle shepherd. If the mass of Americans remain conscious of this truth, however, it is largely because their children's stories have so far escaped the egalitarian censor.

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Blurbing out the truth

A case is being brought against the publishers Eyre and Windbag which, if successful, would totally alter the face of the book trade. Mrs Asphodel of SW1 is suing them for the sum of £8.95.

The story is quite simple. Last year Mrs Asphodel went into a Knightsbridge bookstore called "Wrapping paper, Birthday Cards and A Few Books" and bought a copy of *Somewhere a Ptarmigan* by Lily Furbelow. On the cover of the book were the words "Hot Favourite for the Booker Prize Shortlist." Mrs Asphodel took the book home and read it. She then came back to the shop and asked for her money back, on the grounds that the book was rubbish. When this was refused, she sued the bookshop, the publishers and the man who had placed the sticker "Hot Favourite for the Booker Prize Shortlist" for the £8.95 she had paid.

The action is being hotly defended. It isn't the money so much which is in question – it is believed that Eyre and Windbag, although they have had a bad year, could well stand the £8.95 – as the principle involved. If it was once established that the law recognized the right of a bookbuyer to ask for his money back, the total damage could rise from £8.95 to millions of pounds.

When Mrs Asphodel took the stand, on the first day of the case, she was asked if she had ever asked for her money back in a bookshop before.

"Oh yes. I have always asked for my money back after reading novels by Lily Furbelow."

"Why particularly Lily Furbelow?"

"Because she is such a bad writer."

"If you dislike her works so much, why do you go on buying them?"

"Partly because I feel she is bound to improve, and partly because she is easier to get your money back on than other writers. Everyone knows how awful she is, you see."

"But surely, when you buy a book, you accept the risk that it may not be to your taste."

"Rubbish. That is like saying that if you buy an apple, it is your bad luck if it is rotten inside. If I buy an apple which looks nice but which is rotten inside, I go and get my money back."

"Can you really compare a rotten apple with a book by Lily Furbelow?"

"Oh yes. They both produce nausea and stomach pains." (Laughter in court.)

What horrifies the publishers is the thought that if Mrs Asphodel wins, *any* buyer of a Lily Furbelow novel can ask for his or her money back. One of their first witnesses to appear was the young British novelist Amos Squire, whose praise is quoted on the back of the Furbelow novel.

"Mr Squire, you are one of Britain's Top Twenty Young Novelists. What does this mean?"

"It means I once wrote a volume of short stories and now write a lot of book reviews. I am also working on a TV play about my schooldays."

"You are quoted as saying that *'Somewhere a Ptarmigan* is a wondrous gossamer cobweb of human relations.' What does this mean?"

"It means that Eyre and Windbag asked me for a handy quote which they could stick on the back of the book."

"Had you read the book?"

"I really can't remember. But I had read other books by Lily and knew the rough idea. She is one of our foremost British novelists."

"What do you think of her books?"

"I think they are rubbish."

This sensational admission by Amos Squire, which means he may never work again in the British literary world, left things looking bad for Eyre and Windbag. Their counsel tried to repair the damage.

"Mr Squire, what would you say if someone tried to get their money back on *your* volume of short stories? Would you not be horrified?"

"Not at all. I have done it myself."

"Could you explain this to the court?"

"Certainly. My publishers sent me some free copies of my book. I immediately took them to a bookshop to get my money back on them. After all, I had read the book already."

"How would you describe your own book?"

"As a 'wondrous gossamer cobweb of human relations'. That is how I describe all books. It saves time."

(We will bring further reports on this vital court case as it continues.)

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ZIA'S LAW

General Mohammad Zia ul-Haq, the President of Pakistan, yesterday brought to an end the martial law which has prevailed since he seized power from the then Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto *eight years ago*. It was the third and the longest period of military rule in the country's 38-year-long history and few people will regret that it is over.

By restoring human rights, reviving the constitution in full, closing down martial-law offices, abolishing martial courts and repealing all but a few martial-law orders, Zia has gone even further than many had expected in returning Pakistan to civil rule. To that extent he must be congratulated and his address to parliament welcomed. But serious questions remain.

A number of measures introduced under martial law have already been written into the statute-books. In theory these can be abolished and replaced by fresh legislation by the parliament elected last February. But in practice parliament will need a two-thirds majority to do so.

Could such a majority be organized? As the National Assembly, the lower house, is non-party and since the Senate is packed by Zia's men, the answer to this question is probably "no". So legislation like the National Security Act can still be invoked to lock people up without trial or prevent demonstrations against the government, martial law or not.

President Zia has made known his distaste for political parties. Attempts to re-start even a government party have so far found little enthusiasm. Zia himself is wary of encouraging an opposition, while non-party members of the National Assembly are themselves rather cautious over committing themselves to a government machine. As individuals they are willing to support the president – although parliament has been less disciplined than many had feared or Zia had no doubt hoped. But joining a government party is another matter.

Moreover, conditions imposed upon those parties which are formed make it difficult for those whose opposition to the 8-year rule of General Zia has been total and explicit. Parties will have to accept the so-called "ideology" of Pakistan, elect their officials and submit their accounts during a process of registration which could reportedly take up to a year. Not only that, but each party would have to refuse all members (or eject them if they have joined) who, among other things, "defame or bring into ridicule" the army or the judiciary. We may see opposition politicians challenge such legislation in the courts. But *as things stand those from, say*, the People's Party would find it hard to accept such restrictions.

One way to win support for the new regime and even perhaps coax the political parties into seeking registration might be to hold mid-term elections. While opposition politicians abstained from Zia's last elections in February 1985, they would hardly want to do so next time under a civilian regime. Moreover, they might agree to register if they see the prospect of winning parliamentary power in 18 months time.

So far General Zia has rejected such suggestions out of hand. No doubt he is aware of the probability that if elections were held with political parties now or in the foreseeable future, it is the People's Party who would win. *The present parliament*, he says, must run its course a full five years – by which time no doubt things might have changed. But the call for mid-term elections has cut across political lines and it is one area in which he could be made susceptible to pressure.

What all this amounts to is a significant but still tentative change in Pakistan. Perhaps after eight years some caution is wise for all sides. But the president will have to show some further flexibility if he is to satisfy the aspirations of those who will not be long content with the story so *far*.

1985

Throughout 1985, the political landscape of Britain continued to show the shifts that have been taking place since the decade began. In the years' last few days, Mr Neil Kinnock showed that he had noticed. His remarks in a radio interview that small investors *in* British Telecom would not be penalized by a renationalizing Labour Government were not, perhaps, delivered in the most gracious holiday spirit. Reaction may reasonably focus on the error of any renationalization at *all*. But for the Opposition leader to allow that small share owners in previously state-owned companies have a place in Labour's scheme of things, is progress of a very special kind and should be welcomed as such.

It does, of course, follow the Labour leader's earlier conversion to the cause of those home owners who once lived in council houses. It follows a number of attempts by Mr Kinnock to trim towards the centre of the political stream in 1985. But, just as we have become too blasé about the progress *of privatization, so* we have become too blasé about Mr Kinnock's acceptance of it.

Most politicians have dreams of making irreversible changes in our society. Mr Tony Benn used to want (and probably still does want) to turn us irreversibly to Socialism. Mrs Thatcher wants the reverse and in 1985 her chance of success became all the greater because of Mr Kinnock's grudging acceptance of what she has achieved.

It was a year in which private *citizens* asserted themselves against public institutions that were demythologized, deregulated and debunked where necessary. The great entrenched bodies of the BBC, the Church, the Trades Unions, the City (in several shapes), the *GLC*, UNESCO, the teaching profession – they all came under fire. All had developed laws of their own to protect themselves. All were supremely confident that they could (and should) resist the clamour from the changing world outside.

That many-tentacled body on the South Bank, which seemed to think that the boundaries of Greater London extended to Nicaragua, succumbed to common sense and will be no more. UNESCO who thought its "education, scientific and cultural" remit allowed and encouraged it to put a tentacle into every political nook and cranny round the world, was shrunk. The BBC was put under the sceptical glare of the Peacock committee where it has yet to prove that it has grown out of its ivory bomb shelter. The Church of England which thought that the decline of noticeable faith in the cities was somehow primarily the government's fault, has been reminded that its report on the subject called first and foremost for *it* to act, not least by ensuring the *more equal redistribution of* its own wealth and resources.

People were also responding against institutional inadequacies when they took up Bob Geldof's challenge and produced a practical means to the end that no one would gainsay but many would hesitate to try, the saving of lives. The success of his fund-raising campaigns for the sick and starving in Africa was a sign that men and women everywhere felt let down by those great bodies which exist to deal with such disasters. It took a private individual with millions of individuals behind him to break through the red tape of bureaucracy that ensnared much-needed relief. Live Aid was a worthy spirit of *1985* – and a representative of many others like it that will live on to a new year.

Keeping churches alive

From Mr R. S. Willmott

Sir, Now that the political excitement caused by the Church's report, *Faith in the City*, has died down, it is possible to see that the most important proposals, and those most likely to bear fruit, are those for the renewing of the Church's own urban mission.

The difficulties of the priest working by himself in a separate parish and the problems sometimes faced by team ministries working within a group that still regards itself as a number of separate parishes are well known. *The need in* these situations for the cooperation and sharing of resources of which the report speaks is manifest.

Nevertheless schemes of renewal will be difficult to inaugurate, if not rendered nugatory, unless the rôle and the functioning of the Church Commissioners are also reviewed.

I write as the churchwarden of a parish that is due to be merged with its neighbour as part of a wider scheme of cooperation. We have known for more than a year that our church will probably be closed and last July the proposals were sent to the Church Commissioners, whence they have yet to return.

When (one is tempted to say if) they return, they must next be published and then if anyone objects we are told that there *may* well be a further delay of six months or more.

Such protracted bureaucratic procedures are altogether opposed to the Church's best interests.

Yours faithfully,
R. S. WILLMOTT,
Brighton College,
Eastern Road,
Brighton.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Threat to safety in coalmines

From Mr A. R. Cooper

Sir, The Health and Safety Executive has just published proposals which will, if implemented, effectively dismantle the foundations of mining safety. This drive to deregulation reinforces Mr McNestry's fears, expressed in his letter of November 25, about future safety standards in British mines.

[illegible]estry correctly reminded us that modern mining safety legislation has been introduced as a result of tragic accidents.

The present law controls in detailed and specific ways what is to be done, and what is not to be done, underground. It has hitherto placed specific and legally enforceable duties upon the National Coal Board. It is the duty of my members – HM inspectors of mines – to ensure that these statutory obligations are adequately discharged.

The law allows for exemptions in specific situations. HM inspectors will always carefully specify the conditions under which the exemption is to operate. Their primary consideration is to ensure that any exemption will not diminish standards of safety.

This system of specific regulation has made the British mining *industry the safest in the world*. The Health and Safety Executive is proposing to sweep this system away and to replace it by a loose structure of general duties under the *1974* Health and Safety at Work Act, supplemented by more detailed, but unenforceable codes of practice.

By 1988 the HSE proposes to have abolished the 1954 Mines and Quarries Act and associated regulations. This abolition will carry with it a substantial reduction in the powers of HM inspectors to insist that the highest possible standards of health and safety are complied with.

The HSE may suggest that they are merely extending the spirit and approach of the 1974 Health and Safety at Work Act. Because of the very special nature of the hazards associated with them, until now the HSAW Act approach of imposing only very general *duties* on employers was not, in practice, applied to the nuclear industry or to the mining industry.

My union views with considerable concern this attempt to diminish HM inspectors' powers through the replacement of specific regulation by vague legislation which imposes only general duties of care supplemented by unforceable codes of practice.

Yours sincerely,
A. R. COOPER,
Assistant General Secretary,
Institution of
Professional Civil Servants,
75-79 York Road, SE1.

Nursing skills for schizophrenics

From Dr R. Henryk-Gutt

Sir, The professional staff of this large mental hospital thank you for your balanced and wise leader (December 19) on schizophrenia. In particular, we welcome the clear statement of the differing needs of patients according to the type of illness.

If only this point could be understood by those responsible for providing services but having no direct contact with patients; this would cut through some of the "philosophy of care" debate which hinders co-operation between health and social services in their joint, but undefined, responsibilities for the mental health services.

It needs to be understood that nursing skills are required in the care of sick patients whether in or out of hospital. This can only be denied by those who have no understanding of the skills possessed by the modern psychiatric nurse in dealing with disturbed behaviour and rehabilitation, but are looking at nursing practices which were abandoned thirty years ago.

Regrettably, your correspondent, Mr Colin Kirk (December 20) is not correct in stating there is a clear dividing line between health and social service responsibility in mental health. This is to be decided at district level by the statutory provision of joint planning teams which, however, need not, and often do not, contain a psychiatrist, *psychiatric nurse or social worker* with direct experience of the mentally ill.

Perhaps it is now time for the mental health services to be under single management, with a clear responsibility to provide comprehensive services.

All that has been said about schizophrenia applies to that other great psychiatric problem, dementia. Again the split responsibility in which health services provide for the sick and social services for the frail (but where is the dividing line?) leads to serious problems in provision of care. Yet dementia is the main indication now for admission to social services part III *homes for the elderly, which* are staffed almost entirely by devoted but untrained care workers, when these patients need psychiatric nursing skill.

So we have a situation where elderly patients who would do well in residential care cannot get out of hospital; demented people needing 24-hour care may live alone, incontinent and incoherent, with visits from a home help; and people appropriately placed in residential care have their lives saddened by the presence of a high proportion of *demented people around them*.

Rightly, many psychiatric services have funded in-district developments from money released by reduction of service in the large psychiatric hospitals. However, it is now accepted that good local care is more expensive than care in large hospitals, although those remaining are the more sick, dependent and elderly, for whom the provision of proper care is also expensive.

Yours faithfully,
RITA HENRYK-GUTT,
Chairman,
Brent Division of Psychiatry,
Shenley Hospital,
Shenley, Radlett, Hertfordshire.
December 23.

From Dr David Abrahamson

Sir, I hope profoundly that your series on schizophrenia (December 16-18) will succeed in its aims. Yet it is important that its emphasis on the most tragic cases does not further demoralise sufferers and their families.

It is a pity to propagate the traditional assumption that the characteristic course of schizophrenic illnesses is downhill to personality disintegration. Recent longitudinal studies covering courses of 30 years and more, mainly from Europe, have shown the reverse.

Deterioration tends to be self-limiting so that most long-term patients eventually reach an equilibrium state and a significant proportion improve after even long periods of illness. Many show remarkable preservation of their *individual personalities*.

This is not an argument for complacency but emphasises how much might be accomplished with adequate resources for sustained long-term medical, social and psychological treatment, even on the basis of existing knowledge.

The myth of inevitable personality disintegration may be one of the reasons why long-term patients' own views are so rarely investigated systematically, as unfortunately also exemplified by your series. The Mental Health Act now ensures that patients' wishes are taken into account in technical decisions about medical treatments, yet the move out of mental hospitals continues *apace without adequate involvement* of them by the health of social services or even by voluntary organisations that claim to represent *their* interests.

Research and practice at this hospital confirm the extent to which long-stay patients may contribute within an appropriate framework to planning for their own future care. They introduce a realistic and non-ideological note which is otherwise too often lacking in current thinking.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID ABRAHAMSON,
Redbridge Health Authority,
Goodmayes Hospital,
Barley Lane,
Goodmayes, Ilford, Essex.

Keeping free from Channel chaos

From Mr Madron Seligman, MEP for Sussex West (European Democrat (Conservative))

Sir, The scenes of chaos due to pre-Christmas cancellations at Dover and Calais must have convinced any doubters of the urgent need for a Channel tunnel, bridge, or expressway. Strikes, engine trouble and bad weather brought both ferries and hovercraft to a virtual standstill.

A fixed link, whether road or rail, would certainly overcome the weather problem, which interrupts *services on and off* throughout the winter. But only a drive-through road link will provide travellers with freedom from the threat of strikes. It is *only in a car that we citizens* are virtually independent of unionised work forces to get us to our destination.

The only case of a road tunnel being blocked was during the Mont Blanc bockage by desperate lorry drivers. This was in a cause which we would all support – the elimination of intolerable delays and bureaucracy at frontiers – a cause which the heads of Government in the December Luxembourg summit have taken up and run with.

Yours faithfully,
MADRON SELIGMAN,
Micklepage House,
Nuthurst,
Near Horsham,
West Sussex.

From Mr G. F. Brookes

Sir, On return from a recent 60-hour mini-break to the Continent I pondered on the resilience of British travellers. At Dover docks we found *our planned departure for Zeebrugge* cancelled by strike action, but by courtesy of the competitor shipping line we were able to obtain a sailing some three hours later to Calais. Once there, 700 km of car travel went without mishap to visit a German *supermarkt* and a French *supermarché* for Christmas shopping.

Two days later, on arrival at Boulogne, we met queues of other British cars awaiting a return crossing home – some had even had their sailings deferred from the morning. The French port authorities (who, in recognition of the hordes of British duty-free shoppers, had learnt to speak English) laconically informed us that a boat would leave shortly. Unfortunately, further "limited" industrial action, one boat out of commission with *engine failure, and a lorry becoming* stuck on the unloading ramp of another delayed our departure for three more hours.

Our total crossing times, including ineffective waiting, was nine hours – equivalent to more than an average working day. Surely, a fixed-link car tunnel for the Channel crossing must be a welcome improvement in efficiency with lessening of frayed nerves and tempers. But equally, we English venturers to the Continent will miss the *esprit de corps* and selfless sharing of cups of coffee and duty-free lager on the quayside, along with the comradeship of fellow sufferers during the protracted waiting for return to our mother country.

Yours sincerely,
G. F. BROOKES,
10 High Beech,
South Croydon,
Surrey.
December 20.

Westland's future

From Major-General J. M. Strawson

Sir, There are two aspects of the Westland problem which have not received adequate emphasis in your *columns: first, the needs of Britain's* Armed Forces; second, future exports. If you examine either you will find a strong case for the European solution.

The Royal Navy is committed to the Agusta/Westland EH101; the British Army does not want and cannot afford Sikorsky's Black Hawk and would be satisfied with an Agusta/Westland Mongoose to replace Gazelle, while keeping the Anglo-French Lynx; the Royal Air Force likes Boeing's Chinook, but might well accept EH101 in its troop-carrying/supply version. All this spells European collaboration.

As for exports, in all my overseas work for Westland I found that *when we were not successful* in Middle Eastern and other countries it was nearly always because the French, Germans or Italians had *done better. If European collaboration* were to mean not just design and manufacture, but marketing too, how strong Europe would be!

Provided commercial considerations can be satisfactorily resolved, therefore, let Westland by both its exertions and example strike a blow for Europe and for Britain.

Yours,
JOHN STRAWSON,
(former military adviser, Westland plc),
The Old Rectory,
Boyton,
Wiltshire.
December 22.

From Mr J. L. Glasscock

Sir, I do not wish to join in the debate on the main part of the letter from Mr Geoffrey Knight (December 21), but I must hasten to correct someone who really should know better than to write about "tin bashing" in the context of British Aerospace's role in Airbus Industrie.

The facts are that, as a full member with equal voting rights in the Airbus partnership, British Aerospace has designed, developed and manufactured the wings for all the family of Airbus projects; the wing is a critical component in aircraft performance and the success of this work can be judged by sales so far of over 500 aircraft units in an intensely competitive world market.

The British Aerospace contribution has secured for it an essential place in the forefront of civil aviation technology far removed from the "tin bashing" role which, in itself, would be no bad thing so long as it is profitable.

Any contribution to our languishing manufacturing industry must be applauded!

Yours faithfully,
JOHN GLASSCOCK,
Managing Director,
Aircraft Group,
Civil Division,
British Aerospace Plc,
Hatfield,
Hertfordshire.
December 24.

End of the road

From Mr John W. Deeley

Sir, Given the choice, I would much prefer to attempt the under-water crossing of the bridge referred to in George Aitken's letter (December 10) than have to make a decision between the destinations on offer on a signpost on the V4, north of Milton Keynes. Turn left for Crematorium; turn right for Two Mile Ash and, if you prefer to go straight ahead, you end up in Kiln *Farm*. All dead ends, if you ask me!

Sincerely,
JOHN W. DEELEY,
16 Downs Road,
Dunstable,
Bedfordshire.

Ecological London

From Mr Robert Mitchell

Sir, The distinguished group of ecologists, who signed the letter of December 19 urged the continuation *of the Ecology Unit after the* abolition of the GLC on March 31.

Less than four years old, employing only 12 people, with direct costs of about £200,000 per year, the unit has had an impact throughout London out of all proportion to its size and cost.

Derelict lands, including disused railway land, have become nature reserves; some 2,000 former village ponds, mainly derelict, have been surveyed; management advice has improved London's rare ancient woodland, and many boroughs are *now seeking*, and following, the unit's advice in their own areas.

Its future has been considered by the Leaders' Coordinating Com*mittee (LCC), consisting of the* leaders of the 32 boroughs and the City and established to organise the transfer of powers on the abolition of the *GLC*.

On December 18 the LCC voted for a second time on party lines, rejecting a Londonwide approach (Conservatives voting for rejection) and boroughs who so wished were left to set up a voluntary organisation. This will certainly produce an unsatisfactory patchwork treatment of the areas of opportunity.

As a Conservative member of the doomed GLC and as a trustee of the London Ecology Centre, set up with the advice of the unit, I deplore the actions of my political colleagues in the boroughs. May every borough be a "volunteer".

A Londonwide ecology unit would cost every Londoner 3p per year!

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT MITCHELL,
Members' Lobby,
The County Hall, SE1.
December 21.

European budget

From Mr W. J. Griffiths, MEP for South Wales (Socialist (Labour))

Sir, So we now have the monetarist interpretation of the "English revolution" to bolster your attack on the European Parliament (*re*: "Strasbourg mischief," December 14). It is you who "misunderstand both the past and the present".

To deal with the past first. The desire of the "English" Parliament (which also had Welsh members) to give the Crown less money than it wanted had far more to do with the Parliament's desire to extend its constitutional rights to discuss matters the Crown claimed to be for *the royal prerogative only* than with a desire to cut the Crown's spending. Keeping the Crown short of money was a device used by Parliament to extend its own authority and had nothing to do with any "historic wish" to keep spending down as an end in itself.

To come to the present budget disputes, you have plainly misunderstood the role of the Commission *in the budget procedure* and the significance of the division of the budget into its obligatory (agricultural) and non-obligatory (regional and social) spending, etc.

Once the Commission have presented their preliminary draft budget the decisions over the figures to emerge in the final budget package are a matter for the Council and the European Parliament.

The Commission was not in a position to make concessions to the European Parliament; it did, however, take the view that it preferred the figures in the European Parliament's amendments to the budget because they were closer to those of the Commission than were the amendments of the Council.

Finally, although the overall difference was small for the whole budget, *this hides the real point of* dispute, i.e., the money available for the effective working of the structural funds (regional and social) in 1986.

The Council's "final" offer to the European Parliament meant that the regional fund would have been some 300 million ECU short in payments and well over 300 million ECU short in commitments.

Both figures would need to be more than doubled to get back to the budget the Commission originally proposed. Thus the Commission's *original budget* was larger than the one finally approved by the European Parliament; as such it represents a compromise between the Council and the Commission.

It still means, however, that agricultural spending is taking a greater proportion of the budget than last year. Whereas the Council left agricultural spending untouched, they wielded an axe to the regional and social funds as well as overseas development spending. It was our attempts to reinstate a reasonable amount of this money that led to last week's dispute.

The Times should be castigating the Council for not tackling the *problem* of agricultural surpluses and overspending and not the European Parliament for defending the rights of under-developed regions or regions in *industrial* decline.

Yours sincerely,
W. J. GRIFFITHS (Vice-President, European Parliament),
Welfare Hall Chambers,
Hope Avenue,
Aberkenfig,
Near Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan.
December 19.

Turn of the screw

From Dr Peter Phillips

Sir, Your report in last Friday's *Times* (December 2[illegible] about the rate support grant settle[illegible] announced by the Governm[illegible] last week indicates that many [illegible] counties in the South-east fa[illegible] severe rate increases in 1986/87.

The instances o[illegible] a number of counties were quot[illegible], but a significant absentee from your list was Buckinghamshire County Council, where hard-pressed businessmen and domestic ratepayers are likely to *be facing a rate rise approaching* 30 per cent next year at a time when the secretary of state is predicting much lower average rate increases.

Buckinghamshire is by far the fastest growing county in the country. It also has to carry the huge financial burden of supporting the development of the new city of Milton Keynes and, as ministers are aware, the calculation of rate support grant does not give proper weight to these facts.

As a result, even if we accept the Government's figures for spending next year, the ratepayers of Buckinghamshire are faced with a rate increase significantly above general inflation levels. Indeed, even if we were able to constrain our spending in 1986/87 to the Government's assessment of our need to spend, despite the pressures of population and service needs we should lose 37 per cent, i.e., £20 million, of our block grant next year compared with 1985/86.

Furthermore, since the Government's assessment is artificially low, spending at a realistic level to provide services for the actual population in Buckinghamshire will result in an even greater loss of grant.

The councillors and people of Buckinghamshire are bitterly dismayed at the impact of the rate support grant settlement on the county, particularly as the council's claims to the minister for realistic *treatment of the problems* we face appear to have been totally ignored.

Yours faithfully,
PETER PHILLIPS, Chairman,
Policy and Resources Committee
Buckinghamshire County Council,
Judges Lodgings,
Aylesbury,
Buckinghamshire.
December 23.

Second best

From Mr J. A. L. Denison

Sir, I have found a 5 franc French coin useful for *cutting* Boursin cheese.

French 5 franc pieces may also be cleaned by the application of a little Boursin cheese and then polished with a clean handkerchief.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN A. L. DENISON,
8 Stone Buildings,
Lincoln's Inn, WC2.

Horns of a dilemma

From Colonel A. L. King-Harman

Sir, Forewarned, through the courtesy of your columns, of the culinary disasters awaiting them, did any prodigal daughter or son have the courage to return home for Christmas?

Yours,
A. L. KING-HARMAN,
Ouse Manor, Sharnbrook, Bedford.
Christmas Eve.

ON THIS DAY

DECEMBER 31 1785

On this, the last day in the bicentenary year of The Times, *it is appropriate that our extracts should be from the last day of the year in which it was founded. That the first one should have got into the paper is perhaps surprising. It was a brutal era, one in which the compassion as expressed below was uncommon. To find it in a publication owned and edited by a conservative City personage adds to the mystery of "A Fragment". The second extract is an early example of that type of missive which has flowed (and still does) into the paper's offices for 200 years.*

PROSTITUTES
A FRAGMENT

There are those who maintain that female prostitutes are necessary to good order, and they argue from the necessity that a few should be sacrificed for the good of the community at large.

If there were not prostitutes and brothels, say they, no man's house would be sacred from the violation of lust and brutality.

Is is thus they defend the police of those cities where brothels are allowed by Government and regulated by laws.

If those arguments be founded in wisdom they are worthy the attention [of] the Legislature, for public prostitution has increased, and is daily increasing with such alarming enormity, that it is supposed there are not less than fifty thousand females in this metropolis who live by the wages of infamy——

What a source of idleness, wickedness, and disease——

Out of the number it has been calculated that five thousand die annually.

Our Legislature has ordained laws for punishing these women – laws as unjust as they are impolitic – Unjust, because they have been made by men; *by the very seducers – Unjust, because* these women are not objects of punishment, but of charity and compassion – They are impolitic, *because the true end of policy is not* punishment of offences, but the prevention of them.

Prostitutes have very improperly been *stiled women of pleasure; they are* women of pain – of sorrow – of grief – of bitter and continual repentance, without a hope of obtaining pardon – *cut off from society*, they become desperate – Yet let it be remembered, that he whose example should be followed by christians, has shewn, that *their sins are to be forgiven*.

Yonder goes a wretch all covered with dirt and rags – she stoops to take up a piece of toast that has been *thrown into the street* from a porter pot – She devours it with a rapacious appetite – yet her father was a religious and benevolent Clergyman – he was thrown into gaol on a security he entered for a friend, where he died of a broken heart, on hearing that his patron had debauched his daughter.

A fresh looking girl of eighteen passes her – her ruddy complexion and youth are her only qualities and these an old woman, who hired her at a *Register Office*, bartered with an antiquated Jew for a few guineas.

How languid and pale are the beautiful features of yonder woman – she is *in the hands of bailiffs who are* dragging her to prison – her father served his country – so did her husband – but they are both dead – to support *two infants she sold all she* possessed – from affection to them she surrendered her virtue – surrendered it to the intimate of her husband, who has *abandoned her – these are causes of* prostitution – these are crimes crying to Heaven for vengeance.

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To the EDITOR *of the* UNIVERSAL REGISTER.

SIR,

I READ *in your paper of* Wednesday, that "many of the debtors in the different gaols are literally perishing for want." Impelled by the feeling of humanity, I *have visited the different* prisons under the Government of this City, and found the unfortunate inhabitants as comfortable as persons of their description *and circumstances*, can reasonably admit of. The apartments on the common sides, for I only visited them, are clean, and the prisoners healthy, they have the usual allowance of bread from the City, and a stated quantity of meat weekly from the Sheriffs, who also send them coals as the severity of the season may require, and the benevolent attention of individuals is at this season frequently experienced, particularly by the prisoners in the Compters.

Under the influence of misinformation, you have from principles of humanity been led to reflect high censure on the Magistrates in general, but more particularly upon our worthy Sheriffs, and feeling you may be convinced of the facts I have stated, by calling at the respective prisons, it is but just you should contradict a report so dishonourable to the public, and so unjust to them.

I am, Sir,
Your humble Servant,
A Lover of Justice and Mercy,
London, Dec. 28th, 1785.

★★ *"On this day"* will continue ★ in 1986.

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COURT AND SOCIAL

SOCIAL NEWS

Princess Anne will visit Glasgow on February 15 and will attend a luncheon given by Rotary International, in aid of the Save the Children Fund, to receive the Paul Harris fellowship. As president of the fund she will visit the Lady Muir Youth Project and the Darnley Street Family Centre and later visit the Save the Children Fund shop. In the evening she will attend a Fiddlers Rally at the New Scottish Exhibition Centre.

Princess Anne, President of the Save the Children Fund, will visit the Patmore Project, Patmore Estate, SW8, and the St Peter's Children's Centre, SW11, on February 17, and later will attend the Brownie/Guide Tea Challenge party at the Savoy Hotel.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will pay a state visit to Nepal from February 17 to 21.

The Prince of Wales will visit Texas, to mark the 150th anniversary of its independence, from February 17 to 21.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Air Marshal J. M. D. Sutton to be Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief Royal Air Force Support Command, in succession to Air Marshal Sir David Harcourt-Smith, from January 2.

Air Commodore P. P. W. Taylor to Air Officer Commanding Air Cadets and Commandant Air Training Corps, in succession to Air Commodore P. V. Mayall from January 4.

Air Commodore G. C. Williams to be Director of Operational Requirements (Air) 2, in succession to Air Commodore R. M. Austin, from January 7.

Miss Kay Carberry, assistant secretary in the organization and industrial relations department of the Trades Union Congress, **Mr Jackson Hall**, director of education for Sunderland, and **Mr Michael Farmer**, senior lecturer in communications studies at Gloucestershire College of Art and Technology to be members of the governing body of the Further Education Staff College.

Mr John Altman to be full-time Chairman of Industrial Tribunes in the Sheffield region from January

Forthcoming marriages

Dr M. I. Cook
and Miss C. Birch
The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Mr and Mrs Brian Cook of Northwich, Cheshire, and Carolyn, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Tony Birch, of Nuneaton, Warwickshire.

Mr R. S. Cullen
and Miss A. P. Murphy
The engagement is announced between Scott, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R. Cullen, of Little Gaddesden, Hertfordshire, and Alanah, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs P. J. Murphy, of Shadwell, Yorkshire.

Mr C. S. Erentz
and Miss I. C. Reed
The engagement is announced between Stirling, eldest son of Mr and Mrs W. E. Erentz, of Orbital Crescent, Garston, Watford, and Ingrid, daughter of Mr and Mrs K. Reed, of Ashfield Avenue, Bushey, Watford.

Mr J. W. Fradgley
and Dr G. M. Bray
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr P. G. Fradgley, of Rackenford, Devon, and Mrs A. N. Fradgley, of Bishopswood, Somerset, and Geraldine, daughter of the late Commander R. W. D. Bray and of Mrs R. Bray, of Ropley, Hampshire.

Captain R. D. Gibson RE
and Miss A. C. Dunlop
The engagement is announced between Robin, younger son of Mr J. Gibson, of Hyndland, Glasgow, and of the late Mrs M. Gibson and Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Dunlop, of Straiton, Ayr.

Mr J. M. Holt
and Miss M. N. Sim
The engagement is announced between James, younger son of Mr and Mrs J. C. Holt, of Butlers Cross, Aylesbury, and Meng Neo, second daughter of Mme Yeo Poh Yee and the late Sim Hock Kim, of Singapore.

Mr D. R. L. Hunting
and Miss L. M. Gallimore
The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr and Mrs Richard Hunting, of Westby Lodge, West Byfleet, Surrey, and Lynn, only daughter of Mr Cyril Gallimore, of Blackpool, Lancashire, and Mrs Thomas Larkin, of Cadogan Gardens, London.

Mr H. N. Pickering
and Miss L. P. Bishop
The engagement is announced between Nigel, younger son of Lieutenant Commander and Mrs T. G. Pickering, of Edinburgh, and Lucy, daughter of Professor and Mrs J. M. Bishop, of Warwick.

Mr C. J. Prowse
and Miss E. M. Fryer
The engagement is announced between Christopher James, elder son of the late Flight Lieutenant John Prowse and Mrs Brian Reeves, of Heavitree, Exeter, and Elizabeth Maureen, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs John Fryer, of Pennsylvania, Exeter.

Dr H. J. W. Thomas
and Dr C. S. Sayer
The engagement is announced between Huw, only son of Mr and Mrs W. J. Thomas, of Highgate Village, and Caroline, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs J. B. Sayer, of Worthing, Sussex.

Mr M. P. Villiers-Stuart
and Miss C. M. Marsh
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Major and Mrs J. M. Villiers-Stuart, of Wareham, Dorset, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs D. R. Marsh, of Middleton-by-Youlgreave, Derbyshire.

Marriages

Mr R. J. E. Edwards
and Miss L. F. Battye
The marriage took place on Saturday, December 21, 1985, in Woodbridge School Chapel, between Mr Rory Edwards, son of Mr Rodney Edwards, of Rosas, Spain, and Mrs Marcus Holmes, of Dymchurch, Kent, and Miss Lindsey Battye, younger daughter of Colonel and Mrs Ian Battye, of Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Mr A. M. L. Jones
and Miss K. Araki
The marriage took place on October 19 in Yamagata Prefecture, Japan, between Mr Alan Morgan Lewis, son of Mr and Mrs J. E. Jones, of Yr Aelwyd, Amlwch, Anglesey, and Miss Kimiko Araki, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Araki, of Nishikawacho, Yamagata Prefecture.

Mr M. J. R. Malone
and Miss L. Edwards
The marriage took place in London on December 30 between Mr Michael Malone, only son of Mr and Mrs J. M. Malone, of Stevenage, Hertfordshire, and Miss Lynette Edwards, only daughter of Mr and Mrs P. D. Edwards, of Harbury, Warwickshire.

Mr P. D. Mensch
and Miss S. E. Wathan
The marriage took place in London on December 21 of Mr Peter David Mensch, son of Mr and Mrs Martin Mensch, New York, and Susan Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Vincent Wathan, Staines, Middlesex.

Birthdays

TODAY: Mr Douglas Anthony, CH, 56; Mr Glanvill Benn, 80; Mr Michael Bonallack, 51; Sir George Christie, 51; Mr Stephen Cleobury, 37; Air Marshal Sir Patrick Dunn, 73; Major-General J. D. Frost, 73; Mr Jack Hargreaves, 74; Mr Anthony Hopkins, 48; Mr Ben Kingsley, 42; Mr E. B. Mackay, 63; Mr Peter May, 56; Mr Nathan Milstein, 81; the Viscount of Oxfuird, 86; Dr Valerie Pearl, 59; Mr Jean Pierre-Rives, 33; Sir Joshua Rowley, 65; the Earl of Strathmore, 57.

NEW YEAR'S DAY: Dr Jack Birks, 66; Professor Richard Bishop, 61; Sir James Crane, 65; Mr Bill Keys, 63; Dr James Merriman, 71; Colonel P. A. Porteous, VC, 68; Professor R. A. Raphael, 65; Sir Ashton Roskill, QC, 84.

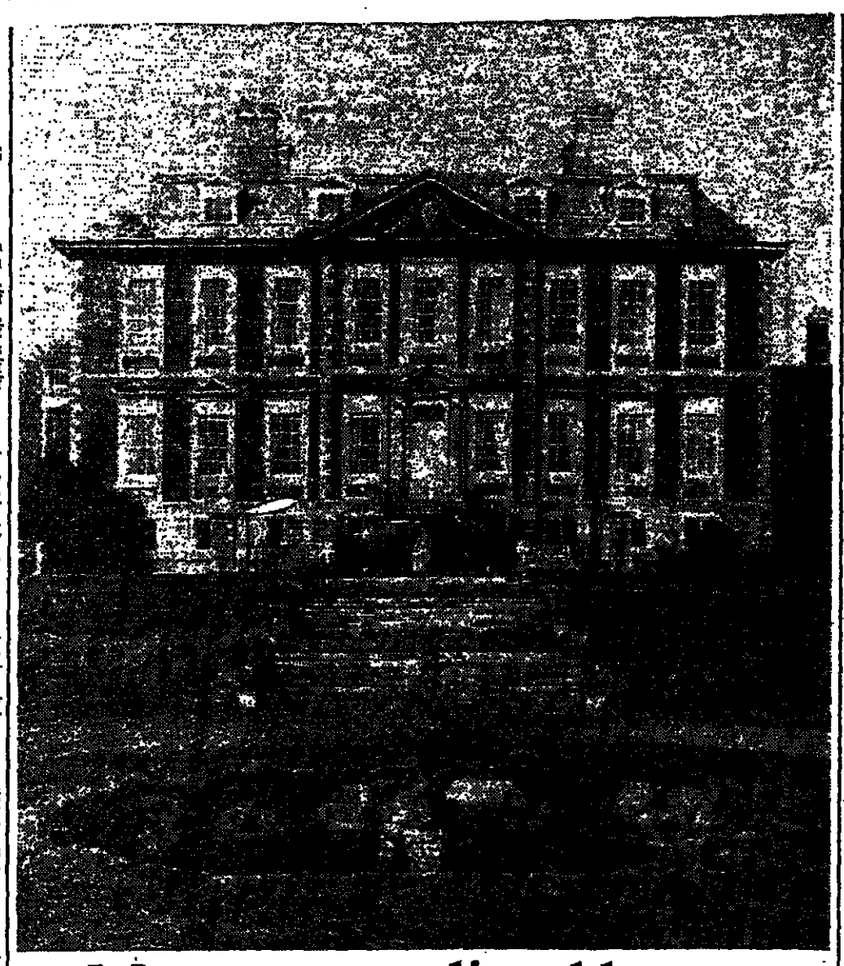
Dinner

British and Overseas Residents Association
Mr Nitj Deva, Chairman of the British and Overseas Residents Association, welcomed members of the committee at a dinner at the Carlton Club on December 18.

Among those present were:
Baroness Hooper, Count Paolo Filo della Torre, Mr Ken Aldred, Mme Catherine Boivinean, Mr Norman Farwell, Mr Patrick Gruzman, QC, MP, Mr James McLeod, Miss Merilyn Potter, Mr Robert Smith, Mr Michael Stern, MP, and Miss Patricia Comrie.

Cheltenham Ladies College

The Cheltenham Ladies' College announces the appointment of Mr Anthony Siddall as bursar of the college, with effect from January 1, 1986.



Move to save listed house

By Charles Knevitt, Architecture Correspondent

The owner of Melton Constable, one of the finest Charles II houses in England, and listed grade one, is to be served with a repairs notice and compulsory purchase order by Norfolk County Council if restoration is not carried out within two months.

The house, the location for the film of L. P. Hartley's *The Go-Between*, has been empty for 24 years. It is owned by a local farmer, Mr Geoffrey Harrold. The council intends to carry out emergency repairs, which will be charged to Mr Harrold, and simultaneously acquire the house for immediate sale and restoration.

Sir Nikolaus Pevsner described Melton Constable as "one of the most perfect examples of the so-called Christopher Wren house".

Save Britain's Heritage says it is the most important country house in Britain now empty and at risk.

Mr Marcus Binney, president of Save, said: "There is no doubt that the house would find a purchaser if offered for sale on the open market."

Half-yearly promotions in the Forces

Royal Navy
The provisional Royal Navy and Royal Marines selections for promotion to date December 31, announced on June 28 are confirmed.

The following provisional Royal Navy and Royal Marines selections have been made for promotion to date June 30, 1986:

General List
Seamen
Commander to Captain: G J Mayer, C L L Quarrie, R F Sherciiffe, N R Hodgson, R C Swales, K Hutchison, T W Longmore, P M Frankham, R G Hastilow, J F Perowne, D C J Freeman.
Lieutenant-Commander to Commander: T J Hildesley, W F Pyrn, W V Madgwick, P M Keay, C D Craddock, S V Mackay, T L Bailey, M G S Manning, A P Johnson, I Stanley, J G H Tyne, G D Pigott, J N Hewitt, S Holden, T C Barnes, S W Bryant, S S P Anderson, R P Barton, R A I McLean, C D Ferbrache, M Stanhope.
Engineering
Commander to Captain: P J Lightburn, J A Gowen, J J Price, M J Matthews, D J Wood, I W Crais, R G Bryan.
Lieutenant-Commander to Commander: D G Lovelock, R F Goodfellow, R Dalrymple-Smith, K J Frith, R E Burgess, N J Pearson, N G Cooper, C F N Searle, C E Pugh, P D Gardner, M A Browning, T J Russell, A N Baird, D L Howells, A McBeath, D S Malley, P C Sanderson, P D Greenish, J K Dobson, J Kilpatrick.
Supply and Secretariat
Commander to Captain: R B Lee.
Lieutenant-Commander to Commander: A D Johnson, A E Guyan, R P Waller, L J Bamber, H R Whittaker.
Instructor
Commander to Captain: J M Dobson.
Lieutenant-Commander to Commander: T W D Le Marquais, K Jones, S R J Goodall.
Medical Branch
Surgeon Commander to Surgeon Captain: D L Swain, J R Harrison.
Surgeon Lieutenant Commander to Surgeon Commander: M Sach, D I Riddell.
Dental Branch
Surgeon Lieutenant Commander (D) to Surgeon Commander (D): G L Morrison.
Royal Marines
Lieutenant-Colonel to Colonel: P T Stevenson.
Major to Lieutenant-Colonel: M J G Groston, R S Tallyour.
Captain to Major: P R Babbington, J Lott, J G M Downton, D Wilson, I A D Ferrier.

MAJOR TO LIEUTENANT-COLONEL
Royal Artillery: C W D Cautley; P C Hilbert; J Hutchins; C P G Turse; J D V Woolley.
Royal Regiment of Artillery: G R S Brake; G Carr; N R Lemmon; C J Nisbet; M S Rutherford; N J Street.
Corps of Royal Engineers: I D T McGin.
Royal Corps of Signals: W K Bailie; M D Patterson; R W Stark.
Infantry
Guards Division: D T J Glyn-Owen; A I G Gordon; P R Holcroft; J P Kinsely.
Scottish Division: A P L Halford-Macleod; J M W Stanborough.
Queen's Division: P Bishop; R G Buckton; A J M Rice.
King's Division: P D Gardner; D D J Lawrance-Brown.
Prince of Wales's Division: C A G Heron; P J Milmer.
Light Division: R J M Garratt.
Parachute Regiment: T A Marsh.
Brigade of Gurkhas: J A Anderson; R M Vandyk.
Army Air Corps: P D P McQueen; M A Perry; D G Sharp AFC; W Steward.
Royal Corps of Transport: N H G Beard; M B Carey; G M J Grieve; M C Sims.
Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers: D Crook.
Corps of Royal Military Police: L Murray.

Royal Air Force
The Ministry of Defence announces the following RAF promotions, all effective from January 1:

Air Commodore to Air Vice-Marshal
AIR VICE-MARSHAL TO AIR MARSHAL
Sir John Sutton.
AIR COMMODORE TO AIR VICE-MARSHAL
J R Walker; B Higgs; R J Kimball; R H Palin; R A Jobson.
GROUP CAPTAIN TO AIR COMMODORE
B T Sills; B C Ferrer; A J McCreery; J F Wills; P J Harding; M C Darby; L W G Sandford; M J C Dinsdale.
General Duties Branch
WING COMMANDER TO GROUP CAPTAIN
S E V Vickers; P N LeMarquand; K O Harding; G R Pitchforth; F J Hamilton; D E Larkin; M E Williamson; J A Pridmore; I G Jones; N Coates; R Neild; C J Bowes; W T Gordon; J Sinclair; M N Evans; C C C Orville; E T J Kloe; D L A Greenway.
SQUADRON LEADER TO WING COMMANDER
C R Adams; C R Dealer; J I Staniforth; I H R Robins; M B M Cranston; P J Baker; M A Chaney; P C Gallagher; S R Nash; C Tanner; W S Erskine Crum; I M Robertson; D J Jones; D A Ray; D A Stanyon; M R Cox; K J Cross; R W Penn; R J Mac Conarty; R B Richards; N D Hughes; T V Rogers; D M Goss; D N Adams.
A E Hunt; C J Taylor; P J Cladwick; J M Donnelly; M R Hall; A N Macgregor; R W Gault; M L Fenton; P J Moore; S W Hunt; A E Neal; J A Ball; M J Bruce; C J Morris; D R Hewson; D Breach; R V Morris; K G Grumbley; W L Whyte.
FLIGHT LIEUTENANT TO SQUADRON LEADER
J D Allard; P J Swatting; P H Camidell; D C Tilford; S J Cornelius; C J A Williams; D Ward; D H Mason; M Twenge; D Crowe; P A Bampton; D J Wyllie; M B Stone; C D Steward; J E M Mustard; J C Grocott; O D Wright; R W Bebbington; D A Bottrowe; A Twitchen; L Carver; N G A King; A Peavey; D A Hamilton; J J Collis; D Sargent; B R Wade; T S J Yarrow; J F Garnsworth; I Leigh; J D Allard; M Hendley.
LIEUTENANT-COLONEL TO COLONEL
M M Ayrton; D L Burden; R J M Carss; A G Coward; R J W Fitzroch Mason; M J Hodgson; J D Jones; M M Pepper; I H Prince; C J F Russell; A P Shann; C B Q Walleys; T Walcot.

Ramsay; B C E Grant; E C Harrison; M W Morgan; T M Tasker; V Thompson; A Bairstow; J P Stenson; A J Fagg; P J Chambers; J Campbell; J M Bishop; S Brocklebury; M A Foster; D I Lewington; D J Austin.
Photographic Interpretation Branch
SQUADRON LEADER TO WING COMMANDER
P J Rodgers.
FLIGHT LIEUTENANT TO SQUADRON LEADER
A J Pennington; A F V Pooley.
Engineer Branch
WING COMMANDER TO GROUP CAPTAIN
D J Osborne; R McV Browne; W A Richardson; C V Thompson; M Van de Vees.
SQUADRON LEADER TO WING COMMANDER
A R Orr; T J Pratt; G T Miller; A G Hayes; K D Gwin; J F J Mayger; C J Lippard; A J Pearson; D Smith; G R L Bell; D M Godsell; R W Clark; J Elton; T B Wright; P C Bridcock; A J Barry.
FLIGHT LIEUTENANT TO SQUADRON LEADER
S W Nee; R A Walster; F C G Bacon; T F Burdett; K E Hunter; B G Moss; P J Mayrocher; R A Wallington; J P G Potter; W J Ashforth; K F J McKenna; W Trillo; R W Munday; G J Kirwan; M A Pinford; M J Turner; B A Cormack; S W S Hodgson; K Richardson; R M Eccles; G T James; D F Maclean; C R Stansell; R Ashenhurst; R G Munns; J D Linton; M R Cockett; R P Moore; M F G Gosling; R G Lucas; K Macdonald; C C Bridcock; J Helmsley; W G Davidson; T Dewdis; S L Tyrrell; D A Knight; T P Dean; S J Stoney; M E J Reader; A J Cowling; P Lewthwaite; A McGregor; T N Winn-Morgan; M S Mason; J A Grading; M B Armstrong; M D Macleod; J McM Tweedley; A C Barker; C S Edmondson; T Kirby; L J Barrett.
Supply Branch
WING COMMANDER TO GROUP CAPTAIN
P J Kasseler; P D Marley.
SQUADRON LEADER TO WING COMMANDER
P W Turner; R S N Petty; A P Matthews; C J Blencowe.
FLIGHT LIEUTENANT TO SQUADRON LEADER
R K Taplin; D A I Fitzgerald-Lombard; J Davies; R G Lennard; R M J Finnegan; R I Bebbington; E B Howlett; R W Oldaker; D M Williams.
Administrative Branch
WING COMMANDER TO GROUP CAPTAIN
R A Smith; M D Smart; T C Potters.
SQUADRON LEADER TO WING COMMANDER
J P Mace; C H Ranwaddi; H M Dickson; G M Morris; A Bacon; L V Palmer; J P Thomas; D A Sharp; K Brown; M R Cannon; T G Sidebottom; R J McCorkindi; A J Burton.
FLIGHT LIEUTENANT TO SQUADRON LEADER
P P Donnelly; R L Harrison; D A Slatter; S A Whitehead; P A Bevan-Davies; J P Edmonds; M E Culver; B G Makin; R A McCulloch; M H Jones; B Simpson; N T Bale; K J Green; E J Jenkins; P E G Barlow; E A Lawson; D H Anderson; N A Hulse.
Secretarial Branch
A R McEwan; D Slogh; R D Fry; R D Fletcher-Smith; A J Butcher; V M Hoole; D A Walker; P J Dawe; J C Bryans; N W B Williams; L A Ord; A Jones; C A Kiss; A Shearpoint; K L Short; P J C Johnson.
Security Branch
WING COMMANDER TO GROUP CAPTAIN
P A Hyde.
SQUADRON LEADER TO WING COMMANDER
M J W Marley; N C Cook; G D Peck; D T Ellis; M McLaughlin.
FLIGHT LIEUTENANT TO SQUADRON LEADER
N C Owen; A C Hallet; D A Horne; A Fisher; S M Lacey; C N Lambert.

Archaeology

Emperor's military road uncovered

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

Enterprising archaeological field-work by a traditional Chinese painter has led to the identification of a military road built by the first Emperor of China in the third century BC.

By locating rock-cut monuments and other traces of the period, Jin Zhilin was able to demonstrate that the road ran for some 700 kilometres (440 miles).

The road began just north of the imperial capital, near present-day Xian, where the unifier of China, Qin Shi Huang Di (246-210BC) had established his court. Its existence had long been known, as had its purpose of allowing a quick response to raids by the *Xiongnu* Huns from north of the Great Wall.

It had been built during the last two years of *Qin Shi Huang* Di's reign in 212-210BC, and was described by the noted Han historian, Sima Qian, only a few centuries later.

The course of the road gradually became forgotten, and in 1984 Jin and one of his students, *Sun Xiangwu*, spent two months tracing it on foot. They found that many relics of the Qin and succeeding Han dynasties marked the line of the road, and that sometimes it had been cut through obstacles.

The road began at the emperor's military headquarters at Yunyang (today Chunhua), north of *Xian on the far side of* the Wei He river, and ran north parallel to and some way west of the Huang He (Yellow River), before crossing the latter near Baotou in Inner Mongolia. Part of its course ran across the *inhospitable Ordos desert.*

The remains of the headquarters at the south end have been found, with tiles from the roofs scattered in the fields, and three Han sacrificial platforms. Similar platforms have been found at Machi, at the northern end of the road, together with tiles from wooden buildings. Some of the latter bore an *inscription recording* Han-Hun friendship.

The road seems to have been about 13 metres (42ft) wide, as this is the width that was hacked out through the mountian passes. Parts of it were surfaced with crushed stone, but much of the route was unsurfaced.

After its initial construction the road remained in use by the Han, Wei, Sui and Tang dynasties, until it fell into ruin under the Ming in the fifteenth century. Buddist art of these periods has been found along its course. Even today the Han dynasty *shehuo* festival is performed in Ansai to celebrate ancient victories, and the roadside settlements are still known by the Han title of *tiao* or "style".

Source: *China Reconstructs*, 34/8, p65-67.

Astronomy

The night sky in January

By Our Astronomy Correspondent

Mercury is a morning star, rising about an hour before the sun at the beginning of the month, but the interval is shortening rapidly and the planet is unlikely to be seen.

Venus will be in superior conjunction on the 19th and will not be observable this month.

Mars is a morning object in Libra and will rise at about 03.00 during the month, magnitude 1.4. Moon a little to the south of it on the 6th.

Jupiter is an evening star setting between 19.00 and 18.00, and with a magnitude of −2.0 will be quite noticeable in the twilight (regular readers may have noticed an error last month – apologies). Moon a little to the south of it on the 12th.

Saturn is a morning star rising between 05.00 and 03.00, and moving from Scorpius into Ophiuchus, magnitude 0.6. Moon not far away on the 7th and 8th.

Uranus in Ophiuchus, a little to the east of Antares of Scorpius, will be rising about two hours before the Sun but is not visible to the naked eye.

Neptune in Sagittarius will be rising only just before the Sun at the beginning of the month but two hours ahead of it at the end. It is not visible to the naked eye and owing to twilight unlikely with binoculars either.

The moon: last quarter, 3d20h; new: 10d12h; first quarter: 17d22h; full: 26d01h.

Algol: approximate times of evening minima are just after midnight of the 10th, 13d21h and 16d18h. The earth will be at perihelion, the point in its orbit nearest to the Sun, on the second. The Sun will be at a distance of 147 million kilometres (91.3 million miles) from the Earth and will have its greatest angular diameter.

The weather, at least in southern England where I live, has been unkind to seekers after Halley's Comet. During the dark of the Moon the sky was consistently cloudy, except for the 7th when I located the comet with binoculars, still as a featureless faint patch. From other sources I understand that it has not brightened quite as fast as expected but can be seen with the naked eye under good conditions. An observatory photograph shows about two degrees of tail.

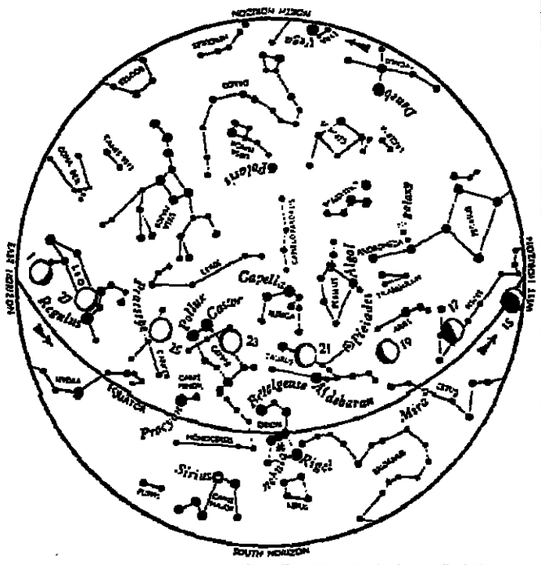
For the first 12 days of this month the evening sky will be dark; the comet is expected to brighten, but on the other hand it will be lower in the sky with a thicker layer of atmosphere to shine through.

New moon wil be on the 10th and the sky will be dark by 18th. At that time *The Times* booklet, *How to See Halley's Comet*, places it in south-west at true bearing 238° and altitude 18°. To position it on a *Times* monthly map, the November one (ignoring the Moon) is applicable.

On the first, the comet will be close to the right hand star of the little Aquarius group which straddles the equator; on the 10th it will be just above the R of the name Aquarius. After about the 20th we shall have to wait until April to see it again from the British Isles.

Last month attention was drawn to the rising in the south-east of many bright stars, and it is interesting to see whether you can distinguish their colours. Many people say that the stars have no colour, and that is because the eye is not very sensitive to colour when the intensity is low.

Here the use of binoculars helps, not for magnification but for light gathering power as its lenses are larger that the pupil of the eye. The common 8x30 instrument, acting like a funnel, will pour into the eye some 30 times as much light as you could get with the eye alone.



The diagram shows the brighter stars that will be above the horizon in the latitude of London at 23h (11pm) at the beginning, 22h (10pm) in the middle and 21h (9pm) at the end of the month, local mean time. At places away from the Greenwich meridian, the Greenwich times at which the diagram applies are later than the above by one hour for each 15 deg west of Greenwich and earlier by a like amount if the place be east. The map should be turned so that the horizon the observer is facing (shown by the words around the circle) is at the bottom, the zenith being at the centre. Greenwich Mean Time, known to astronomers as Universal Time and expressed in 24-hour notation, is used in the accompanying notes unless otherwise stated.

To an astronomer Alderbaran is called orange, class K; Betelgeuse is red, class M; the rest of Orion are blue, Procyon is white, A. Castor and Pollux are quite close to each other for easy comparison, A and K respectively. Colour indicates surface temperature, class B being about 20,000° Kelvin (Celsius plus 273), M 3,000 and the others in between.

What colour do you make the nebula in Orion? To the eye it is usually considered to be greenish, but colour pictures in books show a lot of red and yellow. This is because the eye and the photographic material react differently to colour.

Latest wills

Sir Lionel Biggs, of Bournemouth, Dorset, Lord Mayor of Manchester 1961-62, left estate valued at £117,774 net.

Mr John Joseph Parkes, of Charsfield, Suffolk, chairman of Alvis 1949-73, and former general manager of the de Havilland Aircraft Company, left estate valued at £423,681 net.

Mr Ernest Pearl, of Pimlico, London, a founder of cinema advertising, who, in co-operation with the ABC cinema circuit, set up Pearl and Dean, left estate valued at £177,829 net.

Mr Richard Dutton-Forshaw, of Milford-on-Sea, Hampshire, former chairman of the Burtonwood Brewery, near Warrington, and founder of the Dutton-Forshaw motor group, left estate valued at £84,027 net.

Illingworth, Dr James William, of Loose, Maidstone, Kent £246,559
La Niece, Mr George David Nelson, of Eastbourne, East Sussex £245,630
Lloyd, Mr Jeffrey, of Sedgley, West Midlands £319,985
Simmonds, Mr Reginald John, of West Ealing, London £258,976
Simpson, Mr Kenneth Ivan Stratford, of Melbury Bubb, Dorset £253,632

OBITUARY

MR HAROLD WHITLOCK
Distinguished Olympic walker

Harold Whitlock, who has died at the age of 82, was one of Britain's finest Olympic walkers who crowned a distinguished career with his gold medal in the 50 kilometre walk at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin. This was an achievement the more remarkable for being achieved against a severe bout of sickness which afflicted him during the race.

In a career which was to be a remarkably long one Whitlock won his first national title in 1933 and set a world record for 30 miles of 4hr 29min 31.8sec in 1935. In that year, too, he became the first man to walk from London to Brighton in under eight hours.

It was with a distinguished British contingent that he lined up for the 50 kilometre walk at the Berlin Olympics. With an entry consisting of Whitlock, T. Lloyd Johnson and J. Hopkins, Britain was expected to do well even against a strong field from countries such as Latvia, Czechoslovakia and Italy.

But disaster struck after the first 10,000 metres when sickness – apparently the result of a meal taken beforehand – overtook Lloyd Johnson and Hopkins who were at that point well up with the field. It was Whitlock's turn to be stricken in a similar manner at a crucial stage in the race, 38 kilometres out. But he grimly fought his affliction and hung on to win in 4hr 30min 41.4sec.



Whitlock after his 1936 Olympic triumph

Two years later he claimed another major honour by taking the European championship and he continued representing Britain right up to 1952 when he was placed 11th in the 1952 Helsinki Olympics at the ripe old age of 48, Britain's oldest ever international athlete.

Whitlock, who still turned out for the occasional race in his eighties was a successful coach, too, his most celebrated protege being Don Thompson, the 1960 Olympic 50 kilometre champion.

He was also a respected race walking judge and officiated at the Rome Olympics in 1960.

MISS PHILLIPA REID

A correspondent writes:

Phillipa Reid, who died on December 3 at the age of 58, was an actress highly thought of in the profession if less well known to the general public.

It was in the north of England that she made her reputation as a leading lady in the mobile Century Theatre, a pioneer venture which used to bring Shakespeare, Shaw and Tennessee Williams to the theatreless industrial towns of Lancashire and the Midlands.

She also worked with Charles Marowitz's pioneer group in London, creating the part of Sylvia in Murray Schisgal's *The Typists*, and with Ken Loach in the short-lived but stimulating Living Theatre at Leicester.

But though acclaimed by Kenneth Tynan for her creation of the part of Jeannie in Harry Cookson's *The Lily-White Boys*, she rarely appeared in London.

It is at Keswick, where the Century Theatre found its final home, and were she lived for 12 years, that she will be best remembered, not least for her book, *My Love to the Beaks and Tails*, which was published under the pseudonym of Annie Sise. Though primarily about the birds and animals she fostered, it contains one of the best portraits of contemporary rural life in a Lakeland village before the motorways let in the tourist floods and disrupted the community.

GENERAL SIR JAMES MARSHALL-CORNWALL

R. C. writes:

In your obituary of General Sir James Marshall-Cornwall you paid tribute to his remarkably varied and adventurous career, but made no mention of his service with Secret Intelligence (MI6) between 1943 and 1945.

His appointment was due to concern in the War Office about bad relations between MI6 and SOE. He was first assigned to SOE for five months from March 1943 and then moved to MI6 to understudy Sir Claude Dansey, who constituted one of the main obstacles to better relations.

Although contacts between the two secret organizations never became cordial, Marshall-Cornwall's tact and good sense at least prevented further deterioration.

He was the only full General in MI6, the head of which was Major-General Sir Stewart Menzies. It was typical of Marshall-Cornwall's approach to his work that, in order to avoid causing any embarrassment to his chief, with whom he had served on Haig's staff in the First World War, he did not use his rank and seldom wore uniform in Broadway Building (then the HQ of MI6).

MR ARCHIE ZIMMERN

J.B. writes:

His many friends in England will be much saddened by the news of Archie Zimmern's death on December 20 at the age of 68.

Born and brought up in Hong Kong, Archie was called to the bar later in life than is usual, but his previous experience in commerce soon earned him a large practice in Hong Kong and he took silk there in 1973.

In 1977 he was appointed a Judge of the High Court of Hong Kong, the first member of the local bar in private practice to be so appointed and his success on the bench was immediate. In 1981 he was promoted to the Hong Kong Court of Appeal, but retired in 1982 on reaching the age limit; in the same year he was appointed CBE.

However his career in the public service was not ended because his sense of duty then led him to accept appointment as chairman of the Hong Kong Securities and Commodities Trading Commissions.

Lady Pearce, wife of Lord Pearce, PC, died on December 21. She was Erica, daughter of Bertram Priestman, RA, and she married her husband in 1927.

The 125 million pound notes in your pockets

The nation is tenaciously clinging to £125 million in worn out £1 notes.

Although none have been printed by the Bank of England for more than a year, and the useful life is officially estimated at less than ten months, that is the number still in circulation.

It is the clearing banks who decide whether pound notes are in good enough condition to remain in circulation. Once they are judged too tattered and torn they go back to the Bank of England for incineration.

But the banks' rate of retrieval of the filthy paper money has fallen dramatically since the big clean-up last summer.

In March there were 528 million £1 notes doing the rounds. By June their number had been almost halved, to about 275 million, and by September the survivors were reduced to 165 million.

In the last quarter of the year, however, only another £40 million has been collected for burning, and bank staff say that people who have £1 notes left seem to be holding on to them.

There are 600 million pound coins now weighing down the nation's pockets and purses, but the Treasury boldly claims that earlier hostility to the coin has died away. "Correspondence on the subject has slowed to a trickle", a spokesman said yesterday.

Pound notes are still legal tender, and will remain so well into the new year, so people who can bear to part with them can still spend them in the normal way.

Science report

Genetic damage found in smokers' placenta

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

A new test has shown that cigarette smoking by pregnant women is associated with a specific chemical fault that may put their children at risk from cancer.

Radioactive testing of the placentas discharged after birth from such women has disclosed damage to DNA, the body's basic genetic material. The damage was identified in 16 out of 17 women who smoked during pregnancy and in only three out of 14 who did not, in the preliminary tests.

The research, from the US National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, the universities of Columbia and North Carolina and the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, appears to strengthen the suspected link between smoking and genetic impairment.

The onset of cancer is thought to involve damage to DNA. Experiments on animals have shown that many known cancer-inducing chemicals have such effects, creating chemical addition products, or adducts.

Scientists are now trying to match the adducts found in all the tested women smokers to any of the several thousand components of tobacco smoke.

Reporting their findings in the journal, *Science* last week, the researchers suggest that adducts found in smokers' placentas will also be found in other maternal and foetal tissues.

These adducts may be associated with initiation of malignancy or other adverse effects in the mother or her progeny, they say.

The search for cancer-inducing chemicals in cigarette smoke that cause damage to DNA could lead to their identification in less than five years, researchers at Baylor College say.

Once such chemicals were identified, the possibility of removing them from smoke, or blocking their effect, would be raised.

Although tobacco smoke contains many substances that have been shown in test on animals to cause cancer, it is not clear which of the thousands of ingredients are responsible for human cancer.

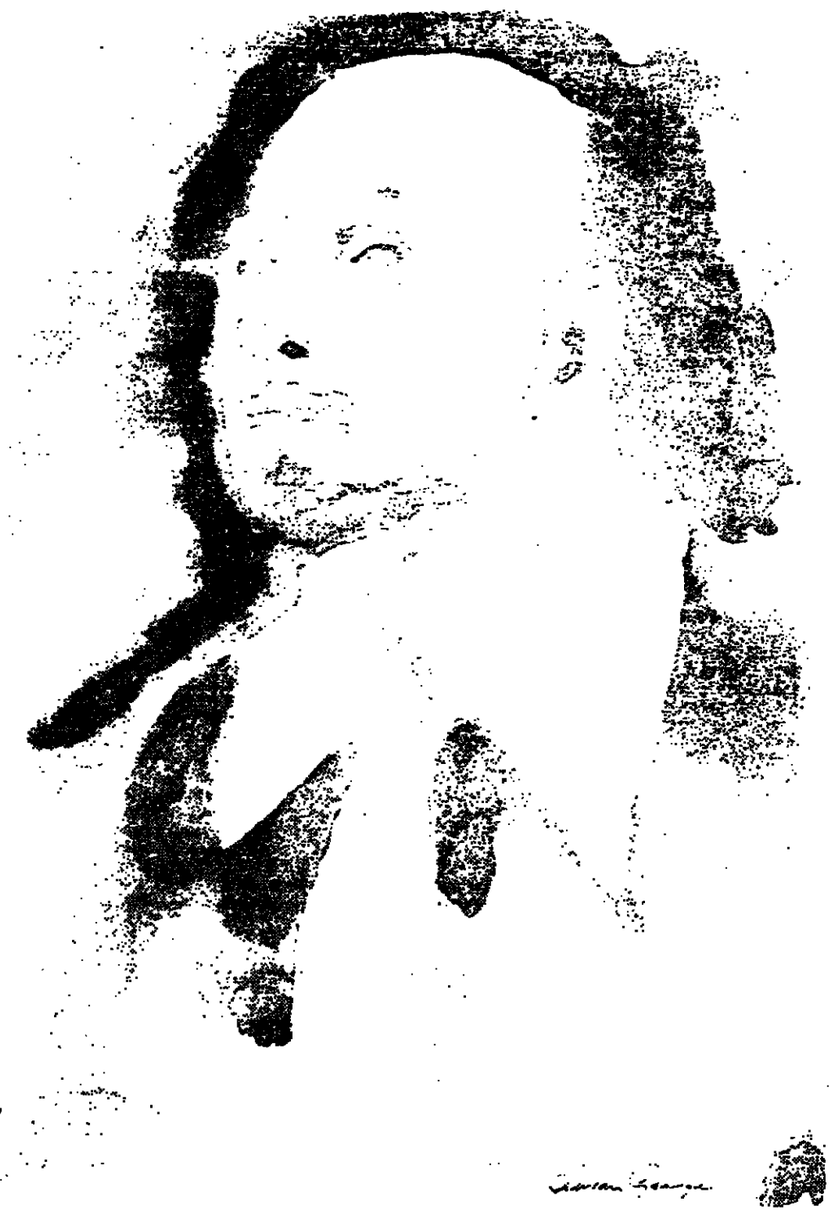
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THE ARTS

A new short story by Jorge Luis Borges

Shakespeare's Memory

The blind Argentine Jorge Luis Borges is one of the world's most influential authors. His output is small. This, his latest story, is one of only four to be written since 1975.



There are ardent followers of Goethe or the Eddas or the plodding *Nibelungenlied*; Shakespeare has been my destiny. He still is, though in a way that nobody could have foretold except one person, Daniel Thorpe, who has just died in Pretoria. There is another man, but I have never seen his face.

I am Hermann Soergel. The inquisitive reader has perhaps browsed in my *Shakespeare Chronology*, which I once believed essential for a proper understanding of the text and which has been translated into several languages, including English. It is not impossible, therefore, that he may recall an ongoing polemic concerning a certain emendation that Theobald interpolated into his critical edition of 1734 and that from that date on has become an undisputed part of the canon. Today the uncivil tone of those almost antagonistic pages surprises me. Around 1914, I wrote – but never published – a study of the compound words which were wrought by the playwright and Greek scholar George Chapman for his translations of Homer and which take English back, without his having suspected it, to its origin (*Ursprung*) – Anglo-Saxon. I never thought that Chapman's voice, which I have now forgotten, would be familiar to me. One or two offprints, I believe, signed with my initials, complete my literary biography. I do not know whether it is legitimate to include an unpublished translation of *Macbeth*, which I embarked upon to take my mind off the death of my brother Otto Julius, who fell on the western front in 1917. I never finished it; I saw that English, to its great benefit, has two registers at its disposal – the Germanic and the Latin – while our German, in spite of its greater music, is limited to but one.

I have already mentioned Daniel Thorpe. Major Barclay introduced me at a certain Shakespeare congress. I will mention neither the place nor the date, as I know very well that such incidentals are really beside the point.

What is more important is the fact that Daniel Thorpe's face, which my partial blindness had helped me to forget, was his glaring unhappiness. After years and years, a man can fake many things but not happiness. In an almost physical way, Daniel Thorpe exuded melancholy.

One night, after a long session at the congress, we found ourselves in a pub. To give ourselves a true sense of being in England (where we were at the time), we drained ritual pewter tankards of warm, dark beer.

"In the Punjab", said the major, "a beggar was pointed out to me. An Islamic tradition ascribes to King Solomon a signet ring that allowed him to understand the language of the birds. Everyone knew that the beggar had this ring in his possession. It was of such inestimable value that he could never sell it, and he died in one of the courtyards of the mosque of Wazir Khan, in Lahore".

I reflected that Chaucer was not unaware of the legend of the extraordinary ring, but to have said so would have spoiled Barclay's anecdote.

"And the signet ring?", I asked.

"It was lost, as is the inevitable fate of magical objects. Perhaps it's still there now in some nook of the mosque or on the hand of some man who lives in a place where there are no birds".

"Or where there are so many", I said, "that what they say is confused".

It was then that Daniel Thorpe spoke up. He did so in an impersonal way, without looking at us. "Your story has something of the parable about it, Barclay". His pronunciation was a bit strange, and I attributed this to his long residence in the East. "But it's not a parable", he said, "or if it is, it's nonetheless true. There are things of such inestimable value that they can't be sold".

The words that I am trying now to piece together impressed me less than the conviction with which Daniel Thorpe uttered them. We thought he would say something more, but all at once he fell silent, as if he regretted having spoken. Barclay said goodbye. Thorpe and I made our way back to our hotel together. By now it was quite late, but Thorpe suggested that we carry on our talk in his room.

After one or two inconsequential remarks, he said: "I offer you the king's signet ring. Of course, we are using a metaphor, but what this metaphor comprises is no less prodigious than the ring. I offer you Shakespeare's memory from his youngest (and oldest) days down to early April, 1616".

I could not utter a single word. It was as if I had been offered the sea.

"I am not an imposter", Thorpe went on. "I am not mad. I beg you to suspend judgement until you have heard me out. The major probably told you that I am – or was – an army doctor. The story requires few words: It begins in the East, in a gore-stained hospital, as dawn was breaking. The exact date is of no importance. A common soldier, Adam Clay, had been hit by two rifle bullets. Just before his end, with his last breath, he offered me the precious memory. Fever and the throes of death are both inventive states; I accepted the offer without really believing in it. Besides, after a battle, nothing is strange. Clay barely had time to explain the singular conditions of the gift. The giver has to offer it and the receiver accept it aloud. He who gives it loses it for ever".

The soldier's name and the emotional scene seemed to me literary in the bad sense of the word.

"You have Shakespeare's memory now?", I asked, slightly intimidated.

"I still have two memories", Thorpe answered. "My own memory and Shakespeare's, who, in part, I am. In other words, two memories possess me. There is an area where they overlap. There is a woman's face that I am not sure in which century to place".

"What have you done with Shakespeare's memory?", I asked.

There was silence, and then he said: "I have written a fictionalized biography that earned the critics' scorn and some commercial success in the United States and in the colonies. I believe that is all. I have forewarned you that my gift is not a sinecure. I still await your answer."

I kept turning it over in my mind. *Had I not devoted my life, a life* which had been as colourless as it had been strange, to the search for Shakespeare? Wasn't it only fair that at the end of the day I should meet him?

"I accept Shakespeare's memory", I said, enunciating each word clearly.

No doubt something happened, but I did not feel it. The merest touch of weariness – possibly imagined.

"The memory has now entered into your consciousness", I distinctly remember Thorpe saying, "but you have to discover it. It will arise in your dreams or while you are awake, turning the pages of a book perhaps or rounding a street corner. Don't be impatient; don't make up any memories. Chance may favour it or delay it, according to its mysterious way. As I begin to forget, you will remember. I cannot give you a date."

We spent what remained of the night arguing about Shylock's character. I refrained fom trying to find out whether Shakespeare had had any personal dealings with Jews. I did not want Thorpe to think that I was *putting him to a test.* I confirmed, I don't know whether with relief or uneasiness, that his opinions were as academic and conventional as my own.

In spite of my late hours the night before, that night I barely slept. I discovered, as on so many other occasions, that I was a coward. Fearing disappointment, I did not give in to generous hope. I wanted to think that Thorpe's gift was an illusion. Irresistibly, hope prevailed. Shakespeare would be mine as no one had ever been anyone else's either in love or friendship or even hate. Somehow, I would be Shakespeare. I would not write the tragedies or the complex sonnets, but I would remember the moment when the witches, who are also the Fates, were revealed to me and that *other moment, when I was given the* vast lines

And shake the yoke of inauspicious stars
From this world-weary flesh.

I was to remember Anne Hathaway as I recall that woman, now in her maturity, who taught me love in an apartment in Lübeck so many years ago. (I tried to remember her *but could only recall the wallpaper,* which was yellow, and the light that came in from the window. This first calamity ought to have prepared me for the others.)

I had assumed that the images of my prodigious memory would, first *and foremost, be visual. The reality* was otherwise. Days later, while shaving, I found myself pronouncing into the mirror words that were strange to me and that belonged, as a colleague pointed out, to the language of Chaucer. One afternoon, as I left the British Museum, I began to whistle a very simple tune that I had never heard before.

By now the reader will have noticed the characteristic common to the first revelations of a memory which was, in spite of the splendour of a handful of metaphors, rather more auditory than visual.

De Quincey holds that the brain is a palimpsest. Each new thing written on it covers the previous and in turn is covered by the next, but omnipotent memory may exhume any impression, no matter how *fleeting it may have been, if given* sufficient stimulus. To judge by Shakespeare's testament, there was not a single book – not even a Bible – in his house, but everyone knows the works he consulted: Chaucer, Gower, Spenser, Christopher Marlowe, Holinshed's *Chronicles*, Florio's Montaigne, North's Plutarch. I was in possession of Shakespeare's memory in a latent way; the reading – that is, the re-reading – of those old volumes would provide the stimulus I sought. I re-read the Sonnets, which are his most immediate work. Once or twice I came up with an explanation or *various explanations. Good verse* demands reading aloud; after a few days, I effortlessly recovered the harsh r's and open vowels of the sixteenth century.

I wrote in the *Zeitschrift für germanische Philologie* that Sonnet 127 referred to the memorable defeat of the Spanish Armada. I did not remember that in 1899 Samuel Butler had already formulated this thesis.

A visit to Stratford-on-Avon, foreseeably, was fruitless. After that, I detected the gradual transformation of my dreams. They were not furnished, as were De Quincey's, with splendid nightmares or with pious allegorical visions in the manner of his master, Jean Paul. Faces and unfamiliar rooms entered my nights. The first face I identified was Chapman's; then Ben Jonson's *and a neighbour of his who does not* figure in the biographies but whom Shakespeare often saw.

Anyone acquiring an encyclopedia does not acquire each line, each paragraph, each page, or each engraving; he acquires the mere possibility of becoming familiar with some of these. If this happens with a relatively simple, concrete entity, given the alphabetical order of its parts, what may not happen with an abstract, random entity, *ondoyant et divers*, like the magic memory of a dead man?

To no one is it granted to embrace in a single moment the fullness of his past. Neither Shakespeare, as far as I know, nor I, his partial inheritor, were given this gift. A man's memory is not a sum; it is a disorder of undefined possibilities. Saint Augustine, if I am not mistaken, speaks of the palaces and caverns of memory. The second metaphor is more apt. It was into these caverns that I entered.

Like our own, Shakespeare's *memory included areas, great* shadowy areas, deliberately rejected by him. With a certain shame, I remembered that Ben Jonson made him recite Greek and Latin hexameters and that Shakespeare's ear, his incomparable ear, would stumble over a quantity amid the boisterous laughter of his cronies.

I knew states of happiness and *gloom that transcend the common* experience of mankind. Without my being aware if it, long studious solitude had prepared me to receive the miracle passively.

After some thirty days, the dead man's memory came alive in me. During the course of a week of strange happiness, I almost believed I was Shakespeare. His work took on *new life. I know that for Shakespeare* the moon was not so much the moon as Diana and not so much Diana as that slow-sounding, slow-moving word – "moon". I made another discovery. Shakespeare's apparent mistakes, those *"absences dans l'infini"* of which Hugo speaks apologetically, were deliberate. Shakespeare overlooked them, or introduced them, so that his speech, as it was destined for the stage, would seem spontaneous and not too polished or contrived *(nicht allzu glatt und gekünstelt)*. This same reason prompted him to mix his metaphors:

. . . my way of life
Is fall'n into the sear, the yellow leaf.

One day I detected a guilty secret *deep in his memory. I did not try to* pinpoint it; Shakespeare already has for all time. Let me only say that this guilt had nothing to do with perversion.

I realized that the three faculties of the human soul – memory, understanding, and will – are not a scholastic fiction. Shakespeare's memory was unable to reveal anything other than facts. It is obvious that such facts do not constitute Shakespeare's uniqueness; what matters is the work that he created with that perishable matter.

Naively, like Thorpe, I had envisaged a biography. I soon found *out that that genre requires of a* writer qualifications that certainly are not mine. I have no skill at narration. I have no skill at narrating my own history, which is somewhat more unusual than Shakespeare's. Besides, such a book would be pointless. Chance or fate gave Shakespeare the trivial things, the terrible things that every man *experiences; he knew how to turn* them into fables, into characters much more vivid than the grey man who dreamed them up, into lines that generations will go on reading, into word-music. Why unweave that net, why undermine the tower, why reduce the sound and fury of *Macbeth* to the convenient size of a documented biography or a realistic novel?

As everyone knows, Goethe functions as the official cult of Germany; more intimate to us Germans is the cult of Shakespeare, which we profess not without nostalgia. (In England, Shakespeare, who is so far distant from the English, functions as the official cult; the book of England is the Bible.)

In the first stages of the adventure, I felt the happiness of being Shakespeare; in the last, the oppression and terror. At the outset the two memories did not mingle in their waters, but in time Shakespeare's great river threatened and almost swamped my modest trickle. I noticed with misgivings that I was losing my fathers' tongue. Since one's own identity is based on memory, I feared for my reason.

My friends paid me visits: it astonished me that they did not perceive that I was in hell. I began not to under-stand the everyday world about me *'die alltägliche Umwelt.* One particular morning I lost myself among great shapes of iron, wood, and glass, bewildered by hissing sounds and a great din. For a *moment, which to me seemed* infinite, I was unable to recognize the engines and coaches of Bremen station.

In relation to the passing years, each of us is obliged to bear the growing burden of his memory. Two memories weighed me down, mine and the other man's, sometimes mingling but mutually incommunicable.

All things try to keep on being themselves. Spinoza tells us. A stone wants to be a stone, the tiger a tiger; I wanted to be Hermann Soergel again.

I have forgotten the date I made up my mind to free myself; I hit upon the easiest way, dialling telephone numbers at random. I got children's or women's voices. I considered it my duty to respect them. Finally, I chanced upon a cultured male voice.

"Would you like Shakespeare's memory?", I said. "I know what I am offering you is very serious. *Think it over.*"

"I shall take that risk", an incredulous voice answered. "I accept Shakespeare's memory."

I stated the conditions of the gift. Paradoxically, at one and the same time I felt nostalgia for the book I ought to have written but that was forbidden me to write and the fear that my guest, the ghost, would *never leave me.*

I replaced the receiver and repeated like a prayer these words of recognition: "Simply the thing I am shall make me live."

I had contrived disciplines to awaken old memories; now I had to seek others to erase them. One of the many was the study of the mythology of William Blake, that *unruly* disciple of Swedenborg. I found out that Blake was less complex than complicated.

That and other paths proved useless; all led me back to Shakespeare. In the end, I came upon the only solution to flesh out my hopes – the strict, vast music of Bach.

P.S., 1924 - Now I am a man like other men. In my waking hours, I am Professor Emeritus Hermann Soergel, who once played with a card catalogue and compiled learned trivialities, but sometimes as the day dawns I am aware that the one who sleeps is the other man. Now and again, I am surprised by fleeting *snatches of memory that may be* real.

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Concert

King's Consort/ King

Wigmore Hall

It seems ungrateful to say so, but the King's Consort's post-Christmas offering of seasonal baroque music from Venice was perhaps a little over-ambitious. For one thing there were far too *many short* pieces in it, and for another the relative inexperience of some of the performers showed itself in the occasional hesitancy, the odd moment of uncertain tuning.

Added to which it was perhaps a mistake to give such atmospheric music in this particular hall, though I appreciate the difficulties of shipping over San Marco stone by stone.

But you cannot dispute the sheer richness of this repertoire, and the group's director, Robert King, is to be congratulated for allowing us to hear such a wide variety of it.

Who could do anything but relish the magnificence and nobility of Giovanni Gabrieli's 14-part Magnificat, the same composer's *Quem vidistis pastores* for an equally large ensemble, or Monteverdi's 12-part *Laetatus sum?* And magnificent they were, even though here the rule of austerity and only one musician per part was rigorously applied.

Besides these enormous scores, with their impressively varied textural colourings, we heard music of greater intimacy. There was Alessandro Grandi's *Hodie nobis de coelo*, for example, a concise, direct piece touched by subtly emotive suspensions, as well as Ignazio Donati's utterly charming *Transeamus usque* and Giacomo Finetti's impassioned *O Maria quae rapis.*

Andrew King and Charles Daniels deservedly received prolonged applause for their singing of that.

It was otherwise slightly odd to hear Monteverdi's *Sonata sopra Sancta Maria* outside the context of the 1610 Vespers, and the two cornettists rather spoilt things here with some wild intonation. They made amends, though, in Gabrieli's *Canzon septimi toni*, given a crisp and well-directed reading that the *Canzon primi toni* had lacked.

The two violinists also had their aberrations, and did not seem able to relax until Giovanni Battista Buonamente's extraordinary *Ballo del Gran Duca* midway through the second half. But their rhythmic flexibility and sense of spontaneity really brought this piece to life, though the hysterically virtuosic part for the dulcian helped too.

Stephen Pettitt

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Theatre

Gingerbread Man

Bloomsbury

An embarrassing misapprehension on my part, caused no doubt by a seasonal excess of tonic water, led me to prepare for this show by re-reading a picaresque novel of the 1950s by J. P. Donleavy. David Wood's musical play is, of course, based on the children's books of Helen Nicholl and Jan Pienowski, and has been successfully performed since 1976: this is its seventh Christmas run in London alone.

The contrast between anticipation and reality could hardly have been more agreeable. This is an intelligently constructed and well-paced entertainment which enables a company of six, directed by the author, to establish a magically simple situation and develop a logical narrative which appears to be comprehensible to all but the very youngest spectators.

Mr Wood's script is admirably abetted by Susie Caulcutt's design. The stage itself is the work-surface of an enormous Welsh dresser of the type which may be familiar to the audience from television advertisements for brown bread: it bears a cuckoo-clock, a rolling-pin, a transistor radio, salt and pepper pots; an upper shelf holds honey, herbs and an antique teapot.

It is midnight in the kitchen and the cuckoo clock (actually, Herr von Cuckoo, the sprightly David Bale) has difficulty getting through all twelve calls demanded by the hour; his "toad in the throat" develops into laryngitis and he rightly fears that the Big Ones – adumbrated only as the voices of a Home Counties couple off stage – will discard him as worthless. To his rescue come the salt-cellar (a bogus Sifta *Sam, RN Retd – Mike Elles*), a glamourous pepper-pot (Pepsi Maycock) and the half-baked Gingerbread Man (Colin Hurley) whom they discover behind the rolling-pin.

Spotting a potential remedy in the jar of honey on the upper shelf, the hero of the piece has himself winched up over a cup-hook, only to incur the wrath of the Old Bag (Susannah Bray), a forgotten teabag who lives a wounded, resentful life alone in the teapot. On a promise of friendship from the Gingerbread Man, she agrees to let him take "her" honey but Herr von Cuckoo's cure is compromised by the irruption of a splendid, tongue-twisted gangster of a mouse ("I'm telling you", warns Philip Eason, "I'm a mouseless *ruth!*") and jeopardized by the awakened Big Ones, who sprinkle poison over the salutary plate of honey.

The resulting shennanigans, with the Old Bag being appealed to for a herbal antidote, and with a giant mug being baited as a mousetrap with a sweet considerately lobbed onstage by a diminutive auditor, prove that the pantomime is indeed capable of being revitalized as a satisfying form of theatre.

Martin Cropper

Music in New York

Leonard Bernstein works his old magic

The same inscrutable fate that made 1985 *the* year to celebrate early music also made it, on a more modest scale, a year to celebrate American music. Now every five years, in fact, we have these mini-festivals devoted to composers born in 1900 (Aaron Copland), *1910 (Samuel Barber,* William Schuman) and 1915 (David Diamond).

Copland performances generally dominate, of course, but more and more the music of the other composers begin to make inroads. Particularly notable this year was the attention devoted to the unregenerately romantic music of Diamond, including the première of his Ninth Symphony, some twenty *years in the making.*

Perhaps symbolic of his introduction into the company of the grand old men was his receipt of this year's $50,000 William Schuman Award, from Columbia University's School of the Arts, recognizing "a lifetime achievement in American music composition". The award was established, and given to Schuman himself, on the occasion of *his* seventieth birthday. (This grant goes at least some way towards refuting his clever dictum that composers *have nothing to fear from a* depression: "It's the only time we live like everyone else".)

Perhaps the finest moment of the year's festivities came when those two great American institutions Leonard Bernstein and the New York Philharmonic, *each celebrating the* anniversaries in their own various ways, crossed paths in a superbly conceived concert of third symphonies, of Roy Harris, Schuman and Copland.

Not that one could necessarily have predicted success – and, when one learnt that Deutsche Grammophon would be on hand to record the proceedings, one worried all the more.

Bernstein has a genuine flair for this music, and he made fine recordings of all three works with the Philharmonic for CBS *in the 1960s. Zubin Mehta's* increasingly unlovable and dispirited orchestra, however, *must contain fewer and fewer* faces that Bernstein would recognize from his tenure as music director. Still, the old master conjures an amazing chemistry when he dances on the podium at Avery Fisher Hall, and the fears proved groundless. It is good to hear that the orchestra's technical capability remains miraculously still intact.

Having conducted the première of Schuman's *American Festival Overture* in 1939, Serge Koussevitzky reportedly told the composer "Now you must learn to hate Roy Harris!". (A champion of Harris, Koussevitzky was, of course, speaking figuratively.) Notwithstanding, and not surprisingly, Schuman's Third Symphony (1941), dedicated to Koussevitzky, is close kin to that of Harris (1939), his former mentor, most especially in its concision and organic unity.

Both scores – like the Copland Third (1946), which incorporates the composer's now ubiquitous "Fanfare for the Common Man" (1942) – contain brilliant writing for *brass and percussion*, in which Bernstein rightly revelled. One hoped that the recording engineers where able to tame the hall's garish acoustics, which left one's ears – indeed, one's very bones – ringing long after *the event.*

The last concert in the series was excellent, and one suspects that earlier ones may have been even better. Patch-up sessions had taken place the day before, *and the orchestra may* (understandably) have relaxed a bit. Ensemble was often less than perfect, but that is a word that never even comes to mind in the usual run of Philharmonic performances. The horns, often a problem, were not on their mettle.

All of this, at any rate, was in contrast to the Mahler Seventh Bernstein had conducted (and Deutsche Grammophon had recorded) a week earlier, which was executed almost flawlessly. There, one could hardly believe that the horns were the same ones that had stumbled through a rehearsal only days before.

For that performance, more particularly for the glorious celebration of American music, and perhaps most of all for showing us what a fine orchestra we still have, New York owes Leonard Bernstein yet another debt of gratitude.

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COMPUTER HORIZONS

Home companion as conversation piece

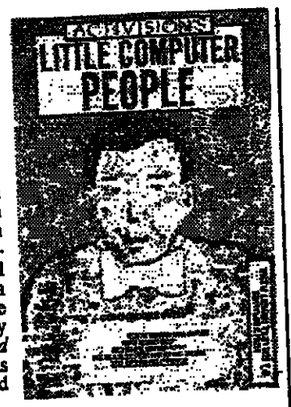
By Geof Wheelwright

The age of companion software has arrived. No longer will the family computer sit bleeping and sprouting nasty aliens all over the screen – with this new breed of program, your micro can sit down and have a heart-to-heart chat with you.

Home computer software companies have realized there are many computer users bored with blasting aliens, having adventures in strange electronic lands and simulating chess and bridge games. The hope is that companion software – which allows you to talk and listen to your computer's semi-intelligent on-screen responses – will encourage owners to dust off their micros and re-enter the world of electronic discourse.

One example is Racter, a computerized conversation piece that claims to operate on principles of "artificial insanity" rather than artificial intelligence. Racter has almost a Socratic pedigree and became an author in the US last year by writing *The Policeman's Beard is Half Constructed*, which was published by Warner and sold for a hefty $10.

The program works fairly idiotically by keeping track of everything you say to it and repeating that back to you – intermingled with Racter's own pearls of wisdom. If you tell it, for example, that you live in London and are depressed it might respond by asking you "Is it because you live in London that you are depressed?" Such programs, at the home computer level at least, still have a long way to go.



Little Computer People: A more matey relationship

Mindscape, which produced Racter, is not the only US software company proffering certificates and grand marketing schemes in an effort to encourage a more matey relationship between you and your computer. Activision's Little Computer People software puts you in charge of a computerized household that will run pretty well without you – but ultimately needs the odd pat on the head and feeding to keep going.

Little Computer People shows a cross-section of a typical US-style, split-level home complete with inhabitant and pet.

Again, the key to the computer software behind this companion application is the random elements programmed into it, thus allowing one character to have a tendency for brushing his teeth every few hours, while another might constantly be bashing away at a typewriter. The Activision offering does not allow much in-depth discussion with your electronic companion. It is more like video wallpaper.

The year of the Europeans

THE YEAR/1986

By Bill Johnstone
Technology Correspondent

This year is destined to be influenced by much direction from Europe. High technology research, the control of satellite transmissions and the contents of computer databanks will all receive attention from the EEC and force a reluctant Britain to comply.

Last year the first moves were made in the UK to ensure that computer software can be protected from illicit copying. A private members' Bill by William Powell (Conservative, Corby) was to ensure that protection in Britain but the EEC is expected to take it a stage further. The commission has long since been interested in ensuring that "intellectual property" be properly protected. The new EEC laws on copyright should extend to video, audio tape and software.

But the EEC's views are expected to generate controversy. The European belief is that information, including television signals, should be easily transferred across national boundaries with the member states having access to it. The controversial view was first aired two years ago when the commission published its Green Paper on satellite televison. The paper, *Television Without Frontiers*, laid the foundations for a Europe where all countries would have cheap and easy access to each other's programming. That philosophy was soon extended to include the contents of computer databanks.

Both ideas have met with substantial resistance in Britain. The crux of the EEC Green Paper had been that all Europeans, under the Treaty of Rome, had the right to unrestricted access to such information.

Another corollary of the Green Paper is that all member states have access to television information transmissions irrespective of their mode of transmission.

The members of the newly-formed Confederation of Information Communication Industries, which represents more than 28 associations, institutes and public bodies, among them the British Library, the British Equipment Trade Association and the BBC, have pledged to fight any attempt by the EEC this year to give member states free access to British computer banks. Like the British broadcasters, the owners and operators of the UK databanks view Europe as a valuable source of secondary revenue.

Ironically, it was Europe which was the principal influence in ensuring that Britain's computer databanks this year comply with acceptable security and privacy standards. Those standards are contained in the Data Protection Act which became law this year, but it will not be until May that operators of computer data banks, containing personal data on individuals, need register their systems.

So far only about 3,000 such systems, barely 10 per cent of those which will need to register, have applied. The Data Protection Registrar, based in Wilmslow, Cheshire, expects an avalanche of applications as the deadline date approaches. Failure to register will mean that such operators will have committed a criminal offence.

Europe is also expected to play an influential role in research this year. The projects for the Eureka programme, an initiative by the French to encourage inter-European collaboration, are taking shape. Britain, which is now playing a more significant role than it did earlier last year when the French first unveiled the idea, has chaired some meetings laying out the criterion for selection of the Eureka project.

Robb Wilmot, ex-chairman of ICL, Britain's computer flagship is also trying to form a US $100 million company, European Silicon Systems (ES2), which will develop and produce microchips to compete with the Americans and the Japanese. This will involve dozens of European high technology companies.

Nineteen eighty-six could be the year when Britain's computer industry, at last, becomes European.

Gallup agrees to a Top 40 re-think

By Matthew May

As the home-software industry matures, it has begun to gather much of the assorted paraphernalia around it that besets the record and video industry. Software charts have become the latest area of contention as Gallup, the organization which provides the leading independent chart, has agreed to consider whether budget-price software should be excluded from its Top 40 chart.

Budget-priced software costs £2 to £3 rather than £8 to £10.

"I find it inexcusable", said Martin Alper, managing director of Mastertronic, a firm with 11 titles in the Top 40, all at £1.99.

In the record industry, budget-price discs are excluded but, says Mr Alper, "unlike budget records which tend to be old material, our products are all new programs". Budget records would also be unlikely to appear in charts even if listed.

The decision was made after a meeting with representatives of the Guild of Software Houses (GOSH), an organization largely made up of software firms which charge more traditional prices for their wares.

Godfrey Rust of Gallup confirmed that the argument for removing cheap software from the Top 40 was based purely on the difference in price, which, argued GOSH, made it a separate market more susceptible to impulse purchase. Gallup has agreed to reassess the situation before making a final decision at the end of January.

The Gallup Top 40 is widely printed in the specialist computer press and displayed in computer dealers. Though it does miss out some retailers such as W. H. Smith and Boots, it is considered to provide the most independent report of which programs are selling, unlike several "promotional" charts, which are linked only to the products supplied by a particular distributor.

Customers for home software cannot usually try programs before buying them, so software charts can play an important role when high sales are assumed to indicate merit. If a program's only fault is to be a quarter of the price of competitors it seems a curious idea to penalize it.

COMPUTER BRIEFING

■ Owners of Atari's new £750 520ST micro are in line for an unexpected present for 1986. They can now claim a collection of games and business programs for their computer from Atari. But the reason for this apparent seasonal generosity has more to do with efforts by Atari to save face with customers who have long been promised a word processor and painting program to go with their computers, as part of the original purchase price that has so far failed to materialize.

Instead, Atari will give 520ST customers a basic word processor – though not the Gem Write program planned originally – a database and some doodling utilities, a more primitive version of the painting program and some games' software.

Riper Apple

■ Apple Computer estimate that net income for the first quarter ending December 27 will be about $52 million (£35.6 million) – a quarterly record. John Sculley, Apple's president, said the company's record earnings which will be achieved despite lower sales than last year's holiday season show the company's ability to become significantly more profitable on flat revenue in fiscal 1986.

He pointed to reductions in overhead expense control throughout the company and conservative inventory management as reasons for the company's higher gross margins and profits. The previous record for quarterly profitability was established a year ago when the company posted net income of $46 million for the holiday quarter.

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Distillers defence raises controversy over salary

Distillers yesterday found itself caught up in controversy over the salary of Bill Spengler, the American businessman recently appointed as deputy chairman and chief executive, after publishing details of its defence against Argyll Group's £1.9 billion takeover bid.

The defence document list Mr Spengler's agreed remuneration as £120,000 per annum despite a Distiller letter dated October 21, which agrees his salary as "not less than £200,000", plus expenses for moving from the United States to Britain.

Such a level of salary would embarrass Mr John Connell, the Distillers chairman, who is paid at the rate of £134,000 a year.

Mr Spengler said yesterday that the £80,000 difference between the two figures was explained by a free flat in the West End of London, worth £34,000 in rent payments, and various pension arrangements.

All salaries of Distillers directors were stated net of pension contributions, Mr Spengler said.

Mr Spengler has a five-year contract running from last October. Six other Distillers directors, including Mr Connell the chairman, were awarded new five-year contracts last March.

Argyll said it would be complaining to the Takeover Panel over a claim in the document that "various companies now in the Argyll Group have more than once in the past been sued successfully for involvement in the passing off of foreign products as Scotch whisky." Argyll described the claim as "below the belt" since the actions took place before it owned the companies involved.

Distillers said that Argyll was making an offer which was too low, was debt ridden and if accepted would jeopardize the future of the company. According to Distillers "Argyll is unsuited for the stewardship of the Scotch whisky industry because the majority of its business in is as a UK discount supermarket operator."

Distillers, in a more positive vein, argue that since 1983 the company has been transformed with a radically changed management structure, a substantially altered marketing organization and a restructured production base. In the home market, five of the companies leading brands were showing volume sales increases for the first six months of the present year of well excess of 20 per cent.

Westland chairman shows his skills

Sir John Cuckney, who was "manoeuvred" into the Westland chair in the summer, is the one boardroom voice to carry weight. He is a crisis manager with considerable experience (Mersey Docks, Crown Agents, John Brown and a practised hand in takeover situations as he showed most recently at Brooke Bond. Both bankers and shareholders deeply concerned with the fate of our low-flying helicopter company will be relieved, therefore, to see that he has moved to a more central position between the rival Westland bidders, Sikorsky-Fiat and the European consortium.

Yesterday, in a more characteristic unemotional and incisive tone, he asked Lloyds Merchant Bank, acting for the European consortium, "to draw together in a single proposal the various communications (some five in all) which they have made us over the past few weeks so that we can pass it to our shareholders in a readily understandable form."

The board's "appraisal" will be available "in good time" before the shareholders meet on January 14.

Sir John's supporters will be pleased to know that he had not lost any of his professional skills, even when he seemed ready, eager even, to deliver Westland into the hands of Sikorsky-Fiat with an air of lofty disdain for the Europeans. Having quickly grasped the fact that Westland was hovering on the brink of receivership, he wanted to have a deal in place that would save the company from dropping into the abyss. The approaching sound of breading borrowing limits and splintering debenture deeds will always concentrate the mind of an experienced company doctor.

It is hardly surpising that Sikorsky could deliver a concrete proposal faster than a five-company consortium which had come together quickly and, in the early stages, could proceed only at the pace of the slowest memeber.

The consortuim has now got its act together, and Westland will shortly review, from a position of some strength, the competing fates it is offered.

Knights of industry

New Year's honours for business, if they have a bias it is towards men who run Britain's older industries.

Godfrey Messervy, as chairman and chief executive of Lucas, has seen the company through some tough times; a knighthood is his reward. Man and boy wih Lucas – he joined the CAV subsidiary as a trainee in 1949 – his stickiest time was in 1981-82, when Lucas directors gave themselves large salary increases at the same time that they were pushing through a big redundancy programme.

David Plastow is one of the golden boys of British management. He was "acquired" by Vickers when it took over Rolls-Royce where Mr Plastow had acquired an excellent track record. This former Vauxhall apprentice has laboured hard as chief executive of Vickers, again through difficult years. By his own standards, he has not quite succeeded, but he will. He too is knighted.

Derek Palmar's best recent achievement may have been to keep Bass away from the hands of unwelcome foreign predators. But throughout his chairmanship he has given an almost faultless performance. Financial intelligence and his ability to keep his eye on the ball have served Bass nobly.

He is knighted, as is John Dent, chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority and John Milne, chairman and managing director of Blue Circle Industries.

For Ian Fraser, a solitary City figure among the top awards, a knighthood will have tipped balance in what was undoutedly an up and down year. Another Ian Fraser, he of Johnson Matthey Bankers, cropped up in the headlines a little too often! and despite the head of Lazard's best efforts, cases of mistaken identity – as the *Daily Mail* discovered to its cost – did occur.

The knighthood is an appropriate accolade for a man of intellectual stature and incisive mind who might well have made a fine Governor of the Bank of England.

Ian Fraser retired as chairman of Lazard Brothers in August, after a distinguished 30-year career in the City. At S G Warburg he was senior "midwife" at the birth of the Eurobond market, moving from there to become the first head of the Takeover Panel.

His retirement from Lazards is only a partial one, he intends to see through the flotation of the Trustess Savings Bank. The legal delays in the latter were a second major disappointment.

"Union" Jack Howard receives his knighthood for charitable services, which presumably do not encompass his role in various takeover battles. Friend of Lonrho's "Tiny" Rowland, and one of the stars of the Griffiths report on the alleged concert party purchases of House of Fraser shares, he emerged earlier this month as the owner of 5 per cent of Aitken Hume.

John Moore, financial Secretary to the Treasury, was widely tipped for promotion in Mrs Thatcher's September reshuffle. It did not happen then but his becoming a Privy Counsellor surely marks another stage in the progress of one of our best aspiring politicians.

BA announces a late arrival

An embarrassed British Airways yesterday published its report and accounts for the year to the end of last March – some two weeks after announcing profits for the first half of the current financial year. If British Airways were already a public company, such a delay would be in breach of the Stock Exchange listing agreement.

Things could have been worse. At one stage it looked as if the company's row with its auditors, Ernst & Whinney, over the form of the accounts would delay their publication well into the new year. As it is, a £33 million provision taken above the line to cover the company's share of settling the main Laker litigation, but no provision against the fund of coupons offered to settle the separate class actio, has done the trick. The accounts are unqualified.

The board expects the class action to be settled soon, allowing the company to present a completely "clean" prospectus to the investing public when it is floated in June.

Imps-United Biscuits merger 'would save £30m a year'

By Alison Eadie

The proposed £1.3 billion merger between Imperial Group and United Biscuits would create annual cost savings of £30 million, which would arise in 1987 and be fully implemented by 1988, according to the merger document issued yesterday.

The two groups said they were confident further worthwhile savings would be identified after the merger.

The document also included an estimate of pretax profits of £235 million from Imperial in the year ended October 31, a rise of 6.5 per cent. Profits would have been £11.5 million higher, a rise of nearly 12 per cent, had there not been strikes at John Smith brewery in Tadcaster and at Golden Wonder crisps. Imperial also promised a total dividend of 9.6p, an increase of 12.3 per cent over 1984.

United Biscuits has estimated pretax profits in the year to December 28 at £100 million, a rise of nearly 15 per cent. It shareholders would qualify for Imperial's final dividend if the merger went through.

Hanson Trust, which is bidding £1.9 billion for Imperial, attacked what it termed Imperial's low growth and said there was nothing in the document to dissuade it that the merger was against the interests of Imperial shareholders.

It criticized the diluion in earnings per share that the merger would mean and said that setting the date for the extraordinary meeting of Imperial shareholders to approve the merger as late as March 3 was a defensive move.

The Imperial – United Biscuits camp said that the 12 to 15 per cent dilution in earnings per share would be widped out by a combination of the £30 million cost savings and an increase of one in the price-earnings ratio.



Geoffrey Kent: "estimate of savings is conservative"

Mr Geoffrey Kent, chairman of Imperial, said the fact that auditors had approved the estimate of £30 million cost savings for inclusion in the merger document indicated how conservative the figure was.

Imperial denied the date of the extraordinary meeting was defensive and said if Hanson Trust would declare its bid final the meeting could be brought forward. It would be wrong for Imperial shareholders to have to make an irreversible decision without having all the facts.

Lord Hanson, chairman of Hanson Trust, wrote to Imperial shareholders yesterday, sending them a copy of Hanson's report and accounts and pointing out Hanson's 49 per cent profits growth in 1985. The Hanson offer document for Imperial is due out by Friday at the latest.

Both Mr Kent and Sir Hector Laing, chairman of United Biscuits, have continued to stress the synergistic benefits of the merger which would create a British food company capable of competing with the American giants in the international arena.

Mr Kent said the Hanson offer was inadequate and lacked industrial logic. Imperial shares closed at 258p last night against Hanson's offer worth 236p a share.

WINNERS

	Closing Price	Gain on year Pence	%
Wire & Plastic	288.00	254.00	+747
Somportex Hldgs	155.00	130.00	+520
Grand Cent Invs	26.00	21.00	+420
Unigroup	121.00	97.50	+415
Noble and Lund	64.00	51.00	+392
British Benzol	60.00	48.50	+422
Parkfield Group	325.00	181.00	+355
Robinson (Thomas)	162.00	124.00	+326
Ashley Indl Tst	71.00	53.00	+294
Spencer Clark	135.00	100.00	+286
Sangers Photo	93.00	67.00	+258
Times Veneer	30.50	21.81	+251
Arden & Cobden	808.00	558.00	+223
Prestwich Hdgs	129.00	89.00	+223
Liberty (non-vtg)	620.00	420.00	+210
Woodhouse & Rixson	45.00	30.00	+200
Pentland Inds	285.00	186.67	+190
A & P Appledore	250.00	162.00	+184
Triton Europe	275.00	175.00	+175
BBA Group	139.00	86.20	+163

LOSERS

	Closing Price	Loss on year Pence	%
Common Brothers	5.50	92.50	-94
Acorn Computer	40.00	325.49	-89
Burnett & Hallams	20.00	135.00	-87
Jebsens Drilling	21.00	114.00	-84
Spectrum Group	22.00	118.00	-84
Micro Focus Grp	140.00	740.00	-84
Xylyx	3.00	12.00	-80
CPS Computer Gp	33.00	120.00	-78
TDS Circuits	108.00	397.00	-79
Castle (GB)	11.00	39.00	-78
Oceonics Group	29.00	101.00	-78
Imtec Group	18.00	60.00	-77
Microvitec	22.00	69.00	-76
Entmt Prod Servs	11.00	32.00	-74
Fergabrook Group	26.00	75.00	-74
Memory Computer	10.00	27.69	-73
Sound Diffusion	34.00	92.00	-73
Apricot Computers	72.00	195.00	-73
Telemetrix	94.00	237.00	-72
Blacks Leisure	14.00	34.00	-71

Little-known wire group tops share table

By Derek Pain

Even when leading shares surge to peaks and mega takeover bids occur with a frequency which would have been incredible only a year ago, a good little 'un will, in stock market terms, always beat a good big 'un.

That is once again the clear message in the winners' and losers' share table produced by *Datastream*, the City information service.

Shares of **Distillers** may have soared from 270p to 500p after the bitterly-contested £1,900 million bid from Argyll Group, but it is a little-known company, **Wire & Plastic Products**, which heads the winners' table, with a 747 per cent gain. Distillers' mere 230p advance falls far short of qualifying for a place in the top twenty.

WPP, an obscure, moderately successful maker of industrial wire and sheet metal products, has attained its table-topping distinction on hope rather than achievement.

Its ascent began in May when Mr Martin Sorrell, finance director of Saatchi & Saatchi, the advertising group, and Mr Preston Rahl, a partner in Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, subscribed £515,000 for a 27 per cent shareholding. For the cash injection WPP shares were valued at 38p.

The stratospheric progress was given fresh strength early this month when Saatchi & Saatchi acquired a 10 per cent shareholding. Some in the City see WPP as becoming Saatchi & Saatchi's second force in the communications world.

The runner-up has also arrived on hope, rather than achievement. **Somportex Holdings**, coming up for its 100th anniversary and known for the Slush Puppie soft drink, has been a high flyer in the past. But a £246,000 loss in the year to April 30 sent its shares below their 25p par value.

The along came Mr Nigel Wray, who runs the Fleet Street Letter tip sheet (now part of the Barham Group) and Mr Clive Mattock, who is with Fiske & Co, the broker.

They have announced the sale of Somportex's confectionery side and hope to expand the group into "a major business in the food industry".

Noble & Lund, a Gateshead engineer, and **Grand Central Investment Holdings**, once a plantation company, also owe their prominence to their "shell" prospects.

Parkfield Group, the highest riser among the USM contigent, owes its success to the revamping exercise carried out by Mr Roger Felber, its chairman. **Ashley Industrial Trust**, a plywood group, comes in at number seven because Robert Stephen Holdings has acquired a 29.2 per cent shareholding.

RSH is the private company of a highly successful enterpreneur, Mr Stephen Rubin. It is through RSH that Mr Rubin controls **Pentland Industries**, in third place last year with a 418 per cent gain and 17th in this year's top twenty with a 190 per cent advance.

Thomas Robinson, a Rochdale engineer, has attracted attention because Mr Graham Rudd has built a 12.5 per cent shareholding and has become chairman.

Among others in the top twenty **Spencer Clark Metal Industries** has accepted a bid from Williams. Revamping exercises are expected at **British Benzol**, **Times Veneer** ad **Unigroup**, and Mr Jeremy Pearce, who has proved himself capable of successfully reshaping companies, has descended on Sangers Photographic.

Prestwich Holdings has been groomed by Mr Paul Levinson and has interests from opticians shops to pop T-shirts; **Arden & Cobden Hotels** is the new vehicle of Mr Henry Edwards, who created the Centre and Comfort hotel chains.

The losers are a motley collection with high technology stocks occupying much of the table.

But the worst performer is the **Common Brothers** shipping group which has been kept afloat by a financial restructuring.

Boesky link in battle for Carbide

From Mike Graham
New York

A new player may be entering the Union Carbide – GAF arena in the battle for a takeover of the chemicals group. A group of companies controlled by Mr Ivan Boesky, the New York investor, announced that they hold about 6.6 per cent of Union Carbide shares.

Mr Boesky said in a filing with the Security and Exchange Commission that he acquired the stake of almost 4.5 million shares "in conection with merger arbitrage and other invesument activities".

Some analysts believe that Mr oesky may offer an alternative to the Union Carbide board which is fighting off a hostile takeover bid from GAF, a New Jersy, chemical, and building materials company.

GAF shareholders were given a jolt yesterday when the company announced it would issue warrants to lenders to buy as many as 7.8 million GAF shares. The warrants would be to raise the money to by Union Carbide.

Shareholders face heavy dilutions – up to 30 per cent – of their holdings in GAF if the warrants are sold, analysts estimate. The move would increase GAF's shares outstanding by 44 per cent.

GAF's stock has soared since the takover bid was announced. Because GAF is a much smaller company than Union Carbide, each share would control proportionally more of Union Carbide. However, if the warrants are issued, each GAF share would represent less in terms of Union Carbide's earnings and assets.

Union Carbide's board will meet on Thursday to consider GAF's bid, but it seems likely that the board may sweeten its own bid of $85 a share in cash and securities for 35 per cent of its share. GAF's amended offer is worth $74 a share.

CBI chief wants school 'revolution'

A call for an "industrial revolution" in Britain's schools and universities has been made by Sir Terence Beckett, director general of the Confederation of British Industry.

In a new year message to CBI members he said: "1986 has been designated 'Industry Year' yet I find it quite extraordinary that we should need such an event.

"Britain, was after all, where the industrial revolution started. Why should we now need another revolution to persuade people that industry matters?

"In countries like the United States, Germany and Japan both young and old people understand that every year is industry year. That is why their nation's products sell so successfully in world markets.

"We need another revolution, not only in industry but in our schools and universities, so that teachers and students alike understand that without the wealth businesses create there would be no schools and universities, no hospitals, no roads, and none of the other public services that we have all taken for granted for far too long.

"We need to ensure that industry gets a far bigger share of the talent available from our universities and schools."

Rate stays

The finance house base rate is to remain unchanged at 12 per cent for January, the Finance Houses Association said yesterday.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

FT Ind Ord	1,130.0 (+9.7)
FT All Share	661.88 (+5.78)
FT Govt Securities	82.93 (–0.07)
FT-SE 100	1,413.6 (+14.7)
Datastream USM	105.57 (+0.85)
New York	
Dow Jones	1543.11 (+0.11)
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	Closed
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	1752.62 (+22.25)
Amsterdam:	255.6 (+3.5)
Sydney: AO	1,001.5 (+4.3)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1951.5 (+14.4)
Brussels:	
General	943.48 (+15.45)
Paris: CAC	264.3 (+2.3)
Zurich:	
SKA General	504.70 (+8.7)

GOLD

London fixing: am $326.15 pm $326.90
close $327.25-327.75 ($227.25-227.75)
New York: Comax $327.95

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:

J W Wassall	71p +28p
Oceonics	38p +9p
Pifco Hldgs "A"	175p +38p
Munton Bros	11½p +2p
ZygalDynamics	21p +3p
Cannon St Inv	110p +12p
Brown & Jackson	18p +2p
MicroFocus	160p +20p
W A Holdgs	40p +4p
Combe Tech Corp	10½p +1p
Phoenix Timber	112p +10p
Berkeley & Hay Hill	81½p +½p
Holmes & Merchant	410p +35p
Micorvitec	24p +2p
London & Cont Adv	138p +11p
A Goldberg	101p +8p
The Body Shop Int	818p +60p
Sycamore Hldgs.	13p +1p
Strong & Fisher	130p +10p
Instem	210p +15p
Crystalate Hldgs.	156p +11p

FALLS

Johnson Drilling	18p –8p
Steel Burrill	30p –15p
Xenotile	36p –2p

CURRENCIES

London:
£: $1.4400 (+0.0045)
£: DM 3.5467(–0.0055)
£: SwFr 2.9902(–0.0018)
£: FFr 10.8757(–0.0160)
£: Yen 289.37(–0.86)
£ Index: 78.0(+0.1)
New York:
£: $1.4407
$: DM 2.4612
$ Index: 125.8(–0.5)
ECU £0.616285
SDR £0.761984

INTEREST RATES

London:
Bank Base: 11½%
3-month Interbank: 11⅝–11⅝%
3-month eligible bills:
buying rate 11⅞–11⅝
US:
Prime Rate 9.50%
Federal Funds 7¾%
3-month Treasury Bills 6.98–6.96%
30-year bond price 106⅜–106¼

IN BRIEF

Setback for Maxwell

Bid-spoiling tactics by the publisher Mr Robert Maxwell in the £280 million battle by Guinness Peat for the rival financial services group Britannia Arrow were declared a failure last night.

Mr Maxwell sold 200,000 shares in Guinness Peat at 69p. He had bought a block of 1.75 million this month at 72p.

There had been fears that selling the Guinness Peat shares at a sensitive time could depress the price and possibly jeopardize the bid. But the shares held steady yesterday at 70p.

Mr Guy Dawson, of Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank acting for Guinness Peat, said: "Mr Maxwell's tactics have not worked. The shares were easily absorbed in the market. If he tries to unload the rest this week we will pick them up ourselves."

Mr Maxwell is in a concert party with United Newspapers, which has acquired a 19.5 per cent stake in Britannia Arrow aimed at forcing Guinness Peat to raise its terms.

Britannia said that a telephone cnavass of more 400 small shareholders owning more than 5,000 shares had shown overwhelming support for the board.

However, the battle, which closes on Friday, will be determined by the City institutions. Britannia shares finished at 141p, 4p above the cash alternative offered by Guiness Peat.

Ultramar gain

Ultramar Canada, an offshoot of the British oil company Ultramar, has gained permission to buy the eastern Canadian refining and marketing assets of Gulf Canada for $120 million (£60 million).

US index rise

The US Government's index of leading indicators rose a seasonally-adjusted 0.1 per cent in November after a revised 0.4 per cent increase in October.

British Steel is expected to dispose of its majority stake in Slater Steel, of Canada. A New York investment group and the brothers Mr David and Mr Paul Fingold, of Toronto, have made a $Can 74.9 million bid for the company.

Olivetti venture

Olivetti of Italy and Bull, the French group, have formed a company for producing and marketing automatic banking system. It will be 51 per cent controlled by Olivetti, while Bull will hold 49 per cent.

French hopes

French industrial output should continue to grow in the new year, after dipping slightly over the Christmas period, according to a monthly report by the country's national statistics institute.

Belgian fall

Wholesale prices in Belgium declined by 0.18 per cent in November compared with October and were down 2.3 per cent compared with November 1984, according to the Ministr for Economic Affairs.

Acquisition off

Spear and Jackson, the garden tools group, has dropped its planned acquisition of Falcon Industries' hand tools division. This comes after James Neill Holdings' takeover of Spear and Jackson.

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WALL STREET

	Dec 27	Dec 26
AMR	40⅛	39⅛
ASA	34⅛	33⅛
Allied Signal	46½	46
Allied Stores	67⅛	66⅛
Allis Chalmers	⅜	4
Alcoa	39⅝	39⅝
Amax Inc	13	13
Amerada Hess	27⅛	26
Am Brands	65	65⅝
Am Broadcast	121⅛	120⅞
Am Can	59⅝	59⅞
Am Cyanamid	57⅝	57⅛
Am Elec Power	23½	23⅝
Am Express	53	51⅛
Am Home	62⅝	62⅛
Am Motors	2⅝	2⅝
Am Standard	37⅛	38
Am Telephone	24⅜	24⅛
Amoco	62⅛	61⅞
Armco Steel	9⅛	9⅛
Asarco	18⅝	18⅝
Ashland Oil	37⅛	37
Atlantic Richfield	62½	62⅛
Avon Products	27½	27⅛
Bankers Tst NY	72⅛	71⅞
Bankamerica	15	14⅞
Bank of Boston	60⅛	60⅛
Bank of NY	51½	50⅞
Baxter Trav	15⅝	15⅛
Beatrice Foods	46	46
Bethlehem Steel	14⅞	15⅛
Boeing	50⅛	49⅛
Boise Cascade	46½	46⅛
Borden	51	50⅞
Borg Warner	24⅝	23⅞
Bristol Myers	65⅛	65⅝
BP	31⅝	31⅛
Burlington Ind	32⅛	31⅝
Burlington Nthn	69⅛	68⅝
Burroughs	62⅛	62⅛
Campbell Soup	50⅝	50⅝
Canadian Pacific	13⅜	13⅛
Caterpillar	41⅛	39⅝
Celanese	150	146⅝
Central SW	26⅝	26⅝
Champion	24⅝	24⅛
Chase Manhat	70⅝	69
Chem Bank NY	44⅛	44⅛
Chevron	37⅛	37⅛
Chrysler	45⅜	44⅜
Citicorp	47⅝	46⅝
Clark Equip	24⅝	24⅝
Coca Cola	84⅛	83⅝
Colgate	31⅞	31⅛
CBS	116⅛	116⅛
Columbia Gas	39⅛	39
Combustion Eng	30⅝	30½
Comwlth Edison	29⅛	28⅞
Cons Edison	36⅜	36⅛
Cons Nat Gas	49⅞	49⅛
Cons Power	7⅜	7⅛
Control Data	20⅝	20⅝
Corning Glass	60⅞	60⅝
CPC Intl	51⅛	51
Crane	40⅛	40
Crown Zeller	41⅛	41⅛
Dart & Kraft	43⅝	42⅞
Deere	27⅞	27⅛
Delta Air	39	39⅝
Detroit Edison	15⅞	15⅝
Digital Equip	133⅞	130⅝
Disney	110⅛	110
Dow Chemical	41⅛	40⅜
Dresser Ind	17⅝	16⅞
Duke Power	36⅛	36
Du Pont	87⅝	86⅝
Eastern Air	6	6
Eastman Kodak	50⅛	50
Exxon Corp	63⅛	63⅝
Emerson Elect	80⅜	79⅝
Emery Air Frgt	16⅝	16⅛
Exxon Corp	53⅝	53⅛
Fed Dept Stores	66⅞	66⅜
Firestone	23⅝	22⅝
Fst Chicago	30	29⅝
Fst Intrst Bncp	52⅝	52⅛
Fst Penn Corp	8⅛	8⅛
Ford	57⅛	56
GAF Corp	68	67
GTE Corp	45⅛	44⅞
Gen Corp	68	66⅝
Gen Dynamics	68	68⅝
Gen Electric	71⅝	70⅞
Gen Inst	77⅛	76⅞
Gen Mills	61	60⅝
Gen Motors	72	71⅛
Gen Pub Utli NY	16⅝	16⅝
Genesco	3⅛	3⅛
Georgia Pacific	26⅛	26⅛
Gillette	70	69⅞
Goodrich	32⅝	32⅛
Goodyear	30⅝	30⅛
Gould Inc	31	30⅞
Grace	47⅜	47⅛
Gt Atlte & Pacific	21	20⅝
Greyhound	33⅝	33⅜
Grumman Corp	32⅝	32⅛
Gulf & West	48⅞	47⅝
Heinz H. J.	31⅝	31⅜
Herculee	38⅝	38⅛
Hewlett-Pkrd	36⅛	36⅛
Honeywell	75	75⅛
IC Inds	37⅛	38
Ingersoll	52⅝	51⅝
Inland Steel	23⅞	22⅞
INCO	12⅛	12⅛
Int Paper	50⅝	50⅛
Int Tel Tel	39⅛	37⅞
Irving Bank	40⅝	41⅛
Jim Walter	43	42⅝
Johnson & John	52⅝	51⅞
Kaiser Alumin	17⅛	15⅝
Kerr McGee	33⅝	33⅝
Kimberly Clark	85⅛	85⅝
K Mart	35⅝	34⅞
Kroger	48⅛	48
L.T.V. Corp	6⅛	6⅛
Litton	84⅛	79½
Lockheed	25⅛	25
Lucky Stores	28	45⅞
Manuf Hanover	45⅝	44⅝
Manville Cp	6	5⅞
Marathon	37⅝	36⅛
Marine Midland	36⅛	35⅞
Martin Marietta	35⅛	40⅝
Masco	40⅝	72
McDonnell	72	43⅞
Mead	43⅝	135⅛
Merck	135⅝	90⅛
Minnesota Mng	91	30⅛
Mobil Oil	30⅛	47
Monsanto	47⅛	62⅛
Morgan J. P.	62⅛	38⅝
Motorola	38⅞	39⅝
NCR Corp	40⅝	13⅛
NL Industries	13⅛	34⅝
Nat Distillers	35⅛	22⅝
Nat Med Ent	22⅝	15⅞
Nat Semicndctr	12⅝	24⅞
Norfolk South	80⅞	30⅛
NW Bancorp	31	32⅛
Occidental Pet	32⅝	33⅝
Ogden	33⅝	37⅛
Olin Corp	37⅛	52⅛
Owens-Illinois	53	19⅝
Pacific Gas Elec	19⅝	8
Pan Am	8	54⅞
Penney J. C.	55⅛	66
Pennzoil	65⅝	17⅛
Pepsico	71⅛	50⅛
Pfizer	50⅛	23⅛
Phelps Dodge	23⅛	89⅛
Philip Morris	89⅛	22⅛
Phillips Petrol	11⅝	42⅛
Polaroid	42½	48
PPG Ind	48½	69⅛
Procter Gamble	69⅝	31⅛
Pub Ser El & Gas	31½	52⅝
Raytheon	53⅞	35⅝
RCA Corp	35⅝	31⅝
Reynolds Ind	31⅝	32⅛
Reynolds Metal	34⅜	34½
Rockwell Int	62⅝	61⅝
Royal Dutch	39⅝	38⅝
Safeways	50	49
Sara Lee	35⅝	34½
SFE Sopac	72⅝	72⅛
SCM	37⅝	37⅛
Schlumberger	58⅛	35⅝
Scott Paper	50⅛	50
Seagram	47⅝	47⅞
Sears Roebuck	39⅝	37⅞
Shell Trans	38⅛	37⅝
Singer	42½	42⅛
Smithkline Beck	76⅝	76⅝
Sony	20⅞	20⅝
Sth Cal Edison	26⅞	27⅛
Sperry Corp	50	50
Std Oil Ohio	37⅝	37⅝
Sterling Drug	30⅞	30⅝
Stevens J. P.	90⅝	90⅝
Sun Comp	49⅝	48⅛
Teledyne	336	319
Tenneco	39⅛	38
Texaco	31	30⅝
Texas East Corp	34⅝	33½
Texas Inst	106	103
Texas Utilities	29⅝	29⅝
Textron	48⅞	48⅛
Travelers Corp	45⅝	45⅛
UAL Inc	89⅝	89⅝
Unilever NV	49⅛	48⅞
Union Carbide	142⅝	140⅞
Un Pacific Corp	72⅛	72⅝
United Brands	54⅝	53⅝
US Steel	27⅛	26⅝
Utd Technol	25⅝	24⅝
Unocal	45	44⅛
Warner Comms	27⅝	27⅛
Warner Lambert	38⅝	37⅝
Wells Fargo	47⅞	48
Westinghse Elec	62⅝	62⅛
Weyerhauser	44⅝	43⅝
Whirlpool	48⅛	25⅝
Woolworth	59	49⅛
Xerox Corp	58⅝	58⅛
Zenith	20	57⅞

CANADIAN PRICES

Abitibi	16¼	19½
Alcan Alumin	39⅛	39⅛
Algoma Steel	20⅛	20
Bell Telephone	41⅝	41⅝
Can Pacific	18⅛	18⅛
Cominco	11⅛	11⅛
Cons Bathurst	18⅛	18⅛
Gulf Oil	21	20⅞
Hawker/Sid Can	23⅛	23⅝
Hudson Bay Min	6⅝	24⅞
*Imasco	28	27⅞
Imperial Oil	50⅛	50⅝
Int Pipe	43	43
Mass.-Fergan	2.98	2.96
*Royal Trustco	23⅛	23⅛
Seagram	68⅝	69⅛
Steel Co	22⅝	23⅛
*Thomson N 'A'	23½	23½
Walker Hiram	32⅛	32⅛
WCT	17⅜	17½

● Ex div. a Asked. u Ex distribution. b Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Dow rise continues

New York (Agencies) – Prices opened higher yesterday in moderate trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which rose by 16.51 points to 1543.00 on Friday, was up by 2.52 points to 1545.52 shortly after the market opened.

Advances led declines by 393 to 337 among the 1,163 issues crossing the NYSE tape.

Share prices rose quickly in light trading on Friday, aided by another wave of discount rate cut speculation and by year-end investment strategies.

Mr Johb Burnett of Donaldson Lufkin and Jenrette said: "It was a very hot market with a scarcity of sellers and plenty of buyers".

Mr Burnett said there seemed to be a last-minute rush by some portfolio managers to raise their investment in equities.

Many other market players were not in at all as most people were comfortable with the level of stock they were holding and were not inclined, at this point, to change, he added.

And Mr Joseph Broder of Stuart, Coleman commented: "The market is in a clear-cut, well-defined uptrend and there is no reason for it not to maintain an upward course".

He said corporate earnings in the first quarter of 1986 should compare favourably with the disappointing ones of the first quarter of 1985.

COMMODITIES

Most markets took things quietly between the holidays. Coffee, however, was active again yesterday as values rose after the recent selling bout. The market still awaits official crop figures from Brazil.

A smaller Brazilian soyabean crop has largely been discounted. But pepper prices could go up after estimates that the 1985–86 crop will be 90,000 tonnes – some 30,000 below requirements. This will be the third year in which there has been a shortfall.

Currencies and precious metals were inactive. Oil did not respond to the news that Iran will abandon Kharg Island.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE
Rubber in p per kilo; Soyabean meal, coffee and cocoa in £ per tonne; Gas-oil and sugar in US $ per tonne.
G W Joynson and Co report

RUBBER — All months unq.
Vol: nil.

SUGAR (Raw)
No 6 at 16.40
Mar 148.4–48.0
May 152.8–48.0
Aug 158.4–58.2
Oct ..... unq
Dec ..... unq
Mar 166

SUGAR (White) — All months unq
Vol: nil

COCOA
Dec 1720–10
Mar 1766–65
May 1778–77
July 1793–92
Sep 1808–04
Dec 1810–06
Mar 1828–20
Vol 1286

COFFEE
Jan 2490–85
Mar 2533–30
May 2602–01
July 2670–68
Sep 2740–30
Nov 2775–60
Jan 2785–60
Vol 5390

SOYABEAN
Feb 129.5–29.0
Apr 132.5–31.5
June 129.3–28.8
Aug 127.0–26.5
Oct 128.5–28.5
Dec 132.0–28.5
Feb 134.0–29.0
Vol 134

GAS OIL
Jan 245.00–44.50
Feb 238.50–39.25
Mar 229.25–28.75
Apr 215.50–15.00
May 206.75–06.25
June 207.25–03.25
July 204.00–03.00
Aug 207.00–98.00
Sept 1690
Vol

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official turnover figures
Prices in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE
Cash 971.00–972.00
Three months 981.00–982.00
Vol 6450
Tone ..... easier

STANDARD CATHODES
Cash 950.00–953.00
Three months 978.00–982.00
Vol ..... nil
Tone ..... idle

TIN STANDARD
Suspended

LEAD
Cash 266.00–267.00
Three months 275.00–275.50
Vol 4700
Tone ..... steady but quiet

ZINC STANDARD
Cash 465.00–470.00
Three months ..... nil
Vol ..... nil
Tone ..... idle

ZINC HIGH GRADE
Cash 486.50–487.50
Three months 493.50–494.00
Vol 3800
Tone ..... steady but quiet

SILVER LARGE
Cash 404.5–405.5
Three months 416.0–417.0
Vol ..... nil
Tone ..... idlet

SILVER SMALL
Cash 404.5–404.5
Three months 416.0–417.0
Vol ..... nil
Tone ..... idle

ALUMINIUM
Cash 757.00–758.00
Three months 782.00–782.00
Vol 2700
Tone ..... steady

NICKEL
Cash 2860–2880
Three months 2889–2900
Vol 192
Tone ..... steady but quiet

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on December 30
GB: Cattle, 97.56p per kg lw (–2.81).
GB: Sheep, 198.45p per kg est d c w (+13.21).
GB: Pigs, 81.89p per kg lw (–1.59).
England and Wales:
Cattle nos. up 420.5 per cent, ave. price, 97.42p (–2.65).
Sheep nos. up 618.2 per cent, ave. price, 198.55p (+9.26).
Pig nos. up 483.0 per cent, ave. price, 81.87p (–1.67).
Scotland:
Cattle nos. down 23.8 per cent, ave. price, 98.52p (–2.16).
Sheep nos. up 42.7 per cent, ave. price, 187.27p (+9.29).
Pig nos. up 386.6 per cent, ave. price, 90.00p (+6.76).

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat	Barley
	Close	Close
Jan	£113.80	£113.75
Mar	£116.70	£116.80
May	£119.85	£118.75
July	£121.80	£099.15
Sep	£099.65	£102.15
Nov		
Volume:	Wheat 211	
	Barley 151	

LONDON MEAT FUTURES EXCHANGE
Live Pig Contract
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Jan	93.0	93.0
Feb	98.0	98.0
Mar	95.0	95.0
Apr	96.0	96.0
May	94.0	94.0
Jun	96.0	96.0
Jul	95.0	95.0
Aug	93.0	93.0
Sep	98.0	98.0
Oct	98.0	98.0
Nov		Vol: 0

Pig meat
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Feb	101.5	101.5
Apr	102.3	102.2
Jun	100.3	099.5
Aug	098.5	098.5
Oct	104.5	104.0
Nov	106.5	10.5.5
		Vol: 2

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Feb	90.00	90.00
Apr	93.00	93.50
May	99.50	99.40
Nov	76.50	77.80
Feb	87.50	85.00
		Vol: 178

BALTIC FREIGHT INDEX
G.N.L. Freight Futures Ltd report
$10 per index point

	High/Low	Close
Jan 86	898.0–895.0	895.0
Apr 86	956.0–955.0	961.5
Jul 86	—	696.5
Oct 86	—	820.5
Jan 87	—	922.5
Apr 87	1007.0–1005.0	1004.0
Jul 87		880.0
Oct 87	990.0–985.0	985.0

Spot: 895.5
Vol.: 117 lots.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

The market spent another quiet session yesterday.

The proximity of the New Year holiday remained the primary reason for the lack of activity. Most dealers had squared their books and were not too anxious to open new positions.

This was certainly most marked in the dollar, where a less-than-expected 0.1 per cent rise in November's leading economic indicators made hardly any impression.

The dollar which opened sharply lower, in line with overseas market advices, staged a rally from its bottom positions.

Sterling, for instance, at 1.4470 at one time, slipped back to 1.4400, but was still 45 points up compared with last Friday.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range December 30	Market rates close December 30	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.4350-1.4490	$1.4390-1.4410	0.43-0.40c prem	1.30-1.28c prem
Montreal	$2.0060-2.0230	$2.0088-2.0188	0.42-0.32c prem	1.25-1.11c prem
Amsterdam	3.9808-4.0188fl	3.9903-4.0017fl	15-8c prem	37-27c prem
Brussels	72.15-72.91f	72.24-72.69f	3⅝-2⅝pre prem	8⅞-7⅝pre prem
Copenhagen	12.5030-12.9830k	12.9179-12.9647k	10-8p prem	17p prem-5p disc
Dublin	1.1590-1.1635p	1.1605-1.1615p	2⅛-1⅞pf prem	6-5½pf prem
Frankfurt	3.5322-3.5587m	3.5421-3.5513m	2⅝-1⅞pf prem	480-1360a disc
Lisbon	226.30-229.90e	226.84-229.84e	200-650a disc	175-625p disc
Madrid	221.40-222.50p	221.81-222.35p	70-16tr disc	28-34tr disc
Milan	2406.40-2432.00tr	2414.64-2425.20tr	1½-1⅝pre disc	2⅞-3⅛pre disc
Oslo	10.9000-10.9510k	10.9076-10.9372k	⅜-1⅜pre disc	2⅛-3⅜pre disc
Paris	10.8340-10.9094f	10.8908-10.8904f	⅜-1⅜pre disc	3½-3¾pf prem
Stockholm	10.9130-10.9610k	10.9208-10.9574k	1⅜-⅛pre prem	3⅞-3⅝pre gro prem
Tokyo	288.11-291.10y	289.02-289.71y	10⅝-9⅝ gro prem	31⅛-29 gro prem
Vienna	24.89-25.02sch	24.92-24.96sch	2-1⅝c prem	5⅞-5¾c prem
Zurich	2.9778-3.0052f	2.9845-2.9958f		

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up 0.1 at 78.0 (day's range 77.9-78.1).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral	1.1512–1.1595
Australia dollar	2.1090–2.1132
Bahrain dinar	0.5420–0.5460
Brazil cruzeiro	14987.10–15069.60
Cyprus pound	0.7720–0.7820
Finland marka	7.7985–7.8295
Greece drachma	212.75–214.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.3310–11.2400
India rupee	17.40–17.60
Kuwait dinar (KD)	0.4155–0.4195
Malaysia dollar	3.5220–3.5067
Mexico peso	875.0–875.0
New Zealand dollar	2.8656–2.8847
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.2500–5.2900
Singapore dollar	3.0315–3.0390
South Africa rand	3.7130–3.7240
United Arab Emirates dirham	5.2815–5.3215

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.2405-1.2425
Singapore	2.1070-2.1090
Malaysia	2.4340-2.4360
Australia	0.6812-0.6822
Canada	1.3985-1.4005
Sweden	7.5900-7.6000
Norway	7.5800-7.5900
Denmark	8.4620-8.4640
West Germany	2.0745-2.0775
Switzerland	2.7740-2.7780
Netherlands	7.5500-7.5800
France	200.90-201.00
Japan	1677.0–1682.0
Italy	1350.50–50.35
Belgium(Comm)	7.8080-7.8080
Hong Kong	158.0–158.0
Portugal	154.20-154.30
Spain	17.29-17.31
Austria	

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Exbel.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

The following prices relate to December 24

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Mar 86	86.36	86.43	86.36	86.36	102
Jun 86	86.80	86.86	86.80	86.85	26
Sep 86	86.93	86.93	86.93	86.93	1
Dec 86	86.01	86.01	86.01	86.01	1
Mar 87	NT			86.97	0
Jun 87	NT				
Previous day's total open interest 6760					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Mar 86	92.25	92.28	92.24	92.24	701
Jun 86	92.15	92.17	92.13	92.14	69
Sep 86	91.94	91.94	91.94	91.90	14
Dec 86	91.85	91.85	91.65	91.61	14
Mar 87	NT			91.33	0
Jun 87	NT			91.05	0
Sep 87	NT			90.77	0
Dec 87	NT				54
Mar 88	NT				0
Jun 88	NT				0
Sep 88	NT			110-27	0
Long Gilt					
Dec 85	84-19	84-24	84-19	84-21	0
Mar 86	NT			83-20	0
Jun 86	NT				0
Sep 86	NT				0
Short Gilt					
Dec 85	96-18	96-18	96-18	96-02	0
Mar 86	NT			96-18	5
Jun 86	NT				0
Sep 86	NT				0
Previous day's total open interest 856					
Long Gilt					
Dec 85	NT				0
FT-SE 100					
Dec 85	139.80	139.90	139.70	139.90	19
Mar 86	140.70	141.40	140.70	141.30	9

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

The interbank rate opened in the region of 11⅛ per cent, yesterday but firmed to about 11¼ per cent on the forecast of a £1.6 billion shortage and remained there throughout the morning and early afternoon.

However, conditions eased as the Bank of England relieved the shortage without much difficulty, the rate droppin as low as 8½ per cent in the late trading.

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11½
Finance House 12

Discount Market Loans%
Overnight: High 11⅝ Low 8½
Week fixed: 11⅛–11⅛

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	11¼	2 months	11⅛
3 months	11⅛	3 months	11⅛

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 month 11⅛–11⅛ 2 months 11⅛–11¼
3 months 11⅛–11⅛ 6 months 11⅛–11⅛

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 month 11⅛ 2 months 11⅛
3 months 11⅛ 6 months 11⅛

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 11½ close 9
1 week 11⅛–11¼ 6 months 11⅛–11⅛
1 month 11⅛–11⅛ 9 months 11⅛–11⅛
3 months 11⅛–11⅛ 12 months 11⅛–11⅛

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 11½ 7 days 11⅛
1 month 11⅛ 3 months 11⅛
6 months 11¼ 12 months 11¼

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 month 12¼–12 2 months 12⅛–11⅞
3 months 12–11⅝ 12 months 11⅝–11⅜
9 months 11¼–11⅛

Sterling CDs (%)
1 month 11⅝–11⅜ 3 months 11⅞–11⅝
6 months 11⅝–11⅜ 12 months 11⅜–11⅛

Dollar CDs (%)
1 month 8.05-8.00 3 months 7.90-7.85
6 months 7.90-7.85 12 months 8.00-7.95

EURO-CURRENCY DEPOSITS %

Dollar	call	8¼–7⅝
7 days	8⅛–8⅛	1 month	8⅛–8
3 months	8-7⅞	6 months	8-7⅞
Deutschmark	call	5-4
7 days	4⅞–4⅝	1 month	4⅝–4⅜
3 months	4⅝–4⅜	6 months	4⅝–4⅜
French Franc	call	9-8
7 days	10⅞–9½	1 month	12⅛–11⅞
3 months	13⅛–12⅞	6 months	13-12⅞
Swiss Franc	call	2⅝-2⅜
7 days	2½–2⅜	1 month	4⅛–4
Prof & Ost	4⅛–4	6 months	4¼–4⅛
South East Asia Tst	118.3	125.8	127.4	129.0	1.32
Special Sits					
FIRLAY (JAMES)					
5-10, West Nile St, Glasgow					
041-204 1321					
JF International (2)	67.9	72.0	+3.1	1.52
Do Accum (2)	69.7	74.2	+3.4	1.52
JF High Income (2)	69.5	68.9		8.53
JF World Energy (2)	12.5	13.5		0.71
Do Accum (2)	94.8	102.9	+1.9	2.80
JF Inv Trust (2)	140.9	150.0	+2.5	2.80
Do Accum (2)				
FLEMING (ROBERT)				
8, Crosby Sq, London EC3A 5AN				
01-638 5858				
American Exempt	£322.36	£329.28		1.55
Japan Exempt	£265.17	£283.50		1.39
Asia Property Tst		£2,057.0		7.75
Property Trust		£1,811.0		8.10
FRANKLIN(JOHN) UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ				
01-628 5181				
Amer & Gen Income	203.2	218.0	+0.3	0.60
Do Accum	207.4	222.5	+0.4	0.60
Amer Turnaround Inc	188.8	202.5	+0.2	1.29
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Capital Tst Income	168.0	178.6	+0.1	2.51
Do Accum	206.5	219.5	+0.2	2.51
Conv & Gilt Income	77.8	83.6	+0.4	5.70
Do Accum	101.6	108.0	+0.4	5.70
Exempt Inc Tst Income	125.4	133.4	+0.4	5.16
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Income Trust	93.2	99.0	+0.4	5.16
Do Accum	97.5	103.6	+0.4	5.16
Int Growth Fd Income	136.8	145.4	+0.5	5.16
Do Accum	137.8	146.5	+0.5	5.16
Japan & Gen Income	89.4	95.0	+0.4	0.29
Do Accum	89.4	95.0	+0.4	0.29
Monthly Income Fund	110.3	117.2	+0.5	6.79
Recovery	111.0	118.0	+0.5	3.75
Do Accum				
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Pitchess End, Dorking, Surrey				
0306 885055				
FP Equity Dist	171.4	181.3	+2.9	3.10
FP Equity Inc	292.8	309.2	+4.7	3.10
FP Fixed Int Dist	104.1	111.3	+0.5	5.45
FP Fixed Int Inc	144.7	154.7	+0.7	5.45
Stewardship Dist	148.4	157.9	+2.3	2.41
Stewardship Inc				
FUNDS IN COURT				
Public Trustee, Kingsway, WC2				
01-405 4300				
Capital	291.6	300.5	-0.6	0.02
Gross Inc	127.0	131.4		5.73
High Yield	182.2	188.2		5.96
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
6th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ				
01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 3531				
UK Cap Fnd Inc	112.2	120.0	+1.4	1.98
Do Accum	66.8	71.3	+0.5	2.48
Income Fund	132.5	139.1	+1.5	2.98
Pension Exempt	123.5	132.1	+1.3	3.00
International	50.9	54.5	+0.3	1.90
US & General	64.8	69.4	+0.4	1.20
Tech & Growth	147.1	157.4	+0.8	0.20
Japan & General	71.2	76.2	+0.1	0.00
Far East & Gen	193.6	204.1	+1.1	1.09
European Fund	58.3	62.4		
Guernsey Fund	128.4	137.4		
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THE SCOTSMAN DECEMBER 30.

Distillers ready to punch back in bid battle

By JAMES DOW, Our Business Editor

The Distillers Company will today launch a "vigorous, aggressive and punchy" defence against the £1.9 billion takeover bid by James Gulliver's Argyll Group after a hectic weekend to get loose ends tied prior to tomorrow's deadline for the lodging of the defence document.

The Distillers directors were closeted with their advisors all day at a meeting in London on Saturday and it was only yesterday that the printing of the 22-page document got under way.

At the same time, Distillers, for so long regarded as a faceless and at times ponderous company, has produced a 14-minute video outlining its strengths and its recent progress and starring many of its executives, who speak glowingly about the company's market shares and international image.

"We are gung ho and ready for a fight," Mr Ian Ross, the Distillers spokesman in Scotland, said yesterday: "The mood at our meeting yesterday was vigorous and buoyant. If the bid is referred (to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission) we will be quite happy, but if not we will take it in our stride and are ready for a fight."

The Argyll offer closes on January 7 — the date by which the Government has to make up its mind about a referral.

Tom Crainey writes: Two Labour MPs appealed at the weekend for the Argyll group's bid to be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. The Alliance MPs in Scotland, including the Liberal leader, Mr David Steel, have previously backed a referral of the bid, while Labour members appear to be in favour of an Argyll takeover.

But there has been growing unease over the political backing the Argyll bid has attracted from Conservative sources.

Mr George Foulkes claimed in a letter to Mr Leon Brittan, the Trade and Industry Secretary, that a referral would be in the public interest besides being "a matter of propriety".

In his letter, Mr Foulkes said he was concerned at what he described as the undue enthusiasm for, and involvement in, the Argyll bid from within the Conservative Party.

He referred to Argyll engaging as a consultant, Mr Alex Fletcher, MP, until recently a Minister within the Trade Department, to the public support of the bid from Sir James Goold, chairman of the Scottish Conservative Party, and to the involvement of Saachi and Saachi, the Conservative party's advertising agency.

Mr William McKelvey, MP for Kilmarnock and Loudoun, who has a Distillers blending plant employing more than 1,000 people in his constituency, has also called for a referral. His appeal reflects concern for future job prospects in the event of an Argyll takeover.

Distillers zoom in — Page 9

MORNING ADVERTISER DECEMBER 24.

Problem present for Argyll chief

GULLIVER'S TROUBLES!

PAUL MOSLEY REPORTS

ARGYLL chairman Jimmy Gulliver found an unpleasant surprise in his Christmas stocking.

The Scottish entrepreneur faces three issues that will shed less than favourable light on his £1.8bn bid for the giant Distillers Company.

Firstly, Mr Gulliver faces close scrutiny from the Takeover Panel as a result of a formal complaint from Distillers. It is angry about advertisements in Sunday's newspapers that claim its flagship whisky brand, Johnnie Walker, has lost up to one third of volume sales since 1977.

A spokesman described Argyll's advert as "a distorted and inaccurate assassination job".

The Panel is thought to have already made its decision whether to refer Argyll's bid to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. It's verdict is expected to be announced next week.

Mr Gulliver also finds his group in the limelight for its own Scotch whisky dealings.

Satirical magazine "Private Eye" printed an item in this week's issue about Argyll falling foul of the Scotch Whisky Association.

It reported that the SWA took successful action against the Argyll-owned ADP Whisky Exports company in 1979 for "misleadingly labelled" admixtures — bulk whisky mixed with local spirit — in Portugal, Austria and Ecuador. It cost Argyll £3,000 in damages.

Another action was brought by the SWA against three Argyll companies — Clen Nevis Distillery, Barton International and ADP — four days before it made its bid for Distillers on December 2. It concerns admixtures in Panama.

But Argyll marketing director Peter Howitt dismissed the issue as "a storm in a teacup". He claimed it involved "a very small shipment with a relatively small amount of money involved".

● There is a growing fear in the City that the Monopolies and Mergers Commission is about to be swamped with work. The drinks industry has certainly contributed with bids from Scottish and Newcastle for Matthew Brown and more recently Elders IXL for Allied-Lyons taking months of the commissions time.

Younger aide calls for referral of Argyll bid

By Our Business Correspondent

Distillers appears to be tainly swing the decision in making headway in its cam- favour of Distillers, which is the paign to have Argyll's £1.9 dominant producer of Scotch billion takeover bid referred to whisky. the Monopolies and Mergers Commission for investigation.

Mr Alex Pollock, Parliamentary Private Secretary to Mr George Younger, the Secretary of State for Scotland, has come out in favour of a reference after meetings with the chairmen of both companies.

The stance taken by Mr Pollock, Conservative MP for Moray, is a considerable breakthrough for Distillers.

Scottish Office pressure for a reference would almost certainly swing the decision in favour of Distillers, which is the dominant producer of Scotch whisky.

Mr Pollock said: "Only the MMC can form an objective view of who is better equipped to protect the generic value of this product, which is so dependant on its quality image for its survival and success."

Mr John Connell, the Distillers chairman, has had a number of meetings with Mr George Younger over the last two weeks.

Argyll is expected to dispatch its formal offer document to Distillers shareholders shortly.

THE TIMES DECEMBER 17.

With respect Argyll, here are a few cuttings you seem to have missed.

Argyll have been quick to reproduce any press cutting that suits their cause.

And very happy to ignore any that don't.

Extracts from the newspapers are regularly featured in Argyll's advertisements and booklets, but damaging pieces somehow get passed over.

The fact is, press comments vary between pro and con on any given subject.

One writer's meat is another's poison.

So why such a reliance on the press cutting?

Could it be that Argyll have nothing worthwhile to say for themselves?

The Distillers Company plc.

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Equities remain firm

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Dec 23. Dealings End, Jan 10. § Contango Day, Jan 13. Settlement Day, Jan 20.
§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

THE TIMES Portfolio

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If it matches you have won outright or a share of the total daily prize money stated. If you are a winner follow the claim procedure on the back of your card.

No.	Company	Your gain or loss
	DRAPERY AND STORES	
1	Br Home Stores	
2	Smith (WH) 'A'	
3	Habitat Mothercare	
4	Preedy (Alfred)	
5	Sears	
6	Freemans	
7	Burton	
8	Goldberg (A)	
9	Bk. I	
10	Lee Cooper	
	BUILDING AND ROADS	
11	Attwoods	
12	Barratt Devs	
13	Taylor Woodrow	
14	Tilbury Group	
15	Tarmac	
16	Blue Circle	
17	Monk (A)	
18	Brown & Jackson	
19	Mowlem (John)	
20	Turriff	
	INDUSTRIALS A–D	
21	Babcock	
22	Br Syphon	
23	Bibby (J)	
24	Christies Int	
25	Brasway	
26	Bodycote	
27	Berisford (S&W)	
28	BTR	
29	Boots	
30	Desouter	
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31	Lec Refrigeration	
32	Kode	
33	STC	
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39	Telephone Rentals	
40	Thorn EMI	

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£2,000
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+45 points
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BUILDING AND ROADS

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
246	172	Aberdeen Constr	222		10.5	4.7	13.9
230	224	Amec	230		15.7	7.8	8.8
333	224	Arrollite	333		8.1e	6.3	8.6
333	224	Ashtead	333		5.7	4.5	11.4
333	224	SPB Industries	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Baggeridge Brick	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Barratt Devs	333		5.7	4.5	11.4
333	224	Bailey(Sten) Constr	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Bailway	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Blackland Concrete	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Bell Bros	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Blockleys	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Blue Circle	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Brickhouse Dudley	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Br Dredging	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Brown & Jackson	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Brownlee	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Bryans	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Burnett & Hallam	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Calabrand Robey	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Cameron-Readstone	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Condor Grp	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Costain	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Countryside	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Crouch (Derek)	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Dew (George)	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Douglas (RM)	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	EPH	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Fab	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Do 'A'	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Finlan Grp	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	French Kier	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Galliford	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Gleeson (MJ)	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	HAT	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Halcal Bar	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Hawden-Stuart	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Heywood Williams	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Higgs & Hill	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Hobbs Johnson	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Jarvis (J) & Sons	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Laing (J)	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Do 'A'	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Lawrence (Walter)	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Lilley (EJC)	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Lovell (Y.J)	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Magnet & South	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Marlows	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Marshalls (Halifax)	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	May & Hassell	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	McAlpine (Alfred)	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Meyer Int	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Miller (Stanley)	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Monk (A)	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Mowlem (John)	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Newarthill	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Nottingham Brick	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Pearce (CH) Sons	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Persimmon	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Phoenix Timber	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Pochins	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	RMC	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Redland	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Roberts Adland	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Rotherold	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Rugby Cement	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Sabah	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Sharpe & Fisher	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Smart (J)	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Tarmac	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Taylor Woodrow	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Tilbury Group	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Travis & Arnold	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Trent	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Turriff	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Viroplant	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Ward	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Warrington (T)	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Watts Blake	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Western Bros	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Wiggins	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Wilson (Connelly)	333		16.8	5.3	10.5
333	224	Wimpey (George)	333		16.8	5.3	10.5

BRITISH FUNDS

1985 High	1985 Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. Gross only Red. yld %	Yld %

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

101.24	99.26	Exch 11¾% 1986	99.86		11.766	11.875
100	99½	Treas C 10¾% 1986			10.893	11.771
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101.16	99.18	Treas 10¾% 1986			10.893	11.771
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TEMPUS

London rates teeter on Fed cut prospects

The problem with single issue markets is their exposure to disappointment. The authorities are happy enough to encourage market hopes, because such encouragement leaves them holding the whip hand over expectations. And the longer resolution of any particular issue is delayed, the more likely the authorities are to wriggle off their particular hook by claiming circumstances have changed during the intervening period.

Continuing hopes in the US bond markets of a cut in the Federal Reserve discount rate are a case in point. Yesterday bonds opened quie firmly, and the long bond rose 5/32 point to 106 9/32, where it yielded 9¼ per cent, the lowest yield level in more than six years.

An impressive list of fundamentals endorses, apparently, the case for lower rates and a buoyant bond market. Fed funds, for example, traded initially between 7 and 7⅛ per cent, for lower than its recent 8 per cent, and closer to levels which might trigger a cut.

Data from the real economy also tended to support the case for lower rates. Sales, of existing single-family homes in November fell 3.4 per cent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 3.43 million units. In October, the annualized rate was 3.55 million units, and in September 3.45 million. November leading indicators were also sluggish. The gain of 0.1 per cent was less than expected and even such a tiny gain was only secured through an increase in stock prices. Of the 11 elements which make up the Leading Indicators Index, five gave negative readings.

But the problem for the Federal Reserve is that movements in the dollar tend to leave it with far less leeway than bond market traders imagine. After Friday's sharp fall, the dollar traded weakly again yesterday, falling at one point to a ½-year low against the mark of 2.4550. Not only did the mark surge against the dollar, the yen also caught some of its power, so that the dollar slipped from Y201.85 to Y201.

A six-year high for bonds and a 2½-year low for the currency? Will the Fed cut the discount rate against such a mismatch? Unlikely, although not impossible, looks to be on the sage reading of the situation. It is worth bearing in mind that the discount rate was last cut in May. These cuts just do not happen that often.

The Fed's future actions, whatever they are, are of more than academic interest to London money market managers. Traders fear that London rates may be forced up in the New Year, unless the Discount Rate falls. This is a new preoccupation and perhaps exaggerated because of its novelty. But it stems primarily from the underlying weakness of sterling, manifest yesterday in the chronic slippage against the mark from 3.5516 to 3.5452; a lacklustre showing on the Smithsonian; and only sporadic strength against the dollar.

The slippage took place as the Bank of England was struggling to take out a big money market shortage of £1.4 billion, a possible foretaste of the January market management problems during the revenue gathering season. The Bank went into the market three times, and also provided *late assistance of £50 million* – an heroic effort.

The smack of higher rates might always assist the authorities during January, not the least because it might persuade the houses to part with their longer-dated paper more easily, as well as providing a background of external stability.

New issues

Investing in new issues is a tricky business. The popularity of Laura Ashley and Abbey Life may have been predictable but the success of Britoil's second issue, in a falling oil market, and the 57 per cent rise in the shares of St Ives, a printing company launched in the summer, were not.

In the event, all four would have been rewarding investments, though Britoil's shares have fallen back from their peak in the last three weeks or so. Timing is just as important with new issues as with other forms of investment.

The real challenge in the past year was to avoid the pitfalls. Some but by no means all the disappointments can be explained away rationally. Tiphook, a container leasing company, for example, was damaged on its arrival by an error in its prospectus. But since it moved from Barclays Merchant Bank, its financial adviser at the time of the launch, to N. M. Rothschild, its shares have recovers and are now trading at a good premium to the offer price.

Most of the investment trusts launched during the year are trading at a discou but that is because the cost of the issues knocked their asset backing.

Of the other new issues, some, like Sapphire Petroleum, were udersubscribed and as a result have traded at a discount since their launch. Others, such as Inoco, another small oil company, were fully subscribed but the shares are still below the offer price.

Perhaps the most intriguing performance came from International City Holdings, formerly the Charles Fulton money broking business. The offer for sale was nearly 18 times oversubscribed which would normally ensure a substantial premium when dealings started. But at yesterday's price of 175p the shares are trading 15p below the offer price.

While L Messel, broker to the company, says the fall-out reflects selling some of the original shareholders, it looks as if it also stems from fears about the future profitability of deposit broking. At their current level, the shares are rated on a par with those of Mercantile House.

Mr Keith Reynolds of De Zoete & Bevan believes the shares are fairly valued on this basis but other brokers believe the price will recover strongly once the selling is over. It could be that this new issue takes time to come right.

Corporate bonds

The corporate bond market has a special concern with interest rates. When they were expected to fall inquiries from company treasurers in search of cheap money picked up charply, but in recent weeks that surge could have been threatened.

Hill Samuel, the merchant bank, reports that several of its clients are still waiting in the Bank of England queue for new issues and it expects a number of take up the opportunity when they can. It encourages companies to protect themselves from swings in interest rates between the decision to raise money and the launch date by taking out a London International Financial Futures Exchange gilts contracts, which it says costs only 0.1 per cent of the amount being raised.

Such schemes are only starting to test the ingenuity of financial advisers.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

● **THERMAL SCIENTIFIC:** For the half-year to Sept 30, wh figures in £000, turnover was 6,816 (2,322), while the pretax profit was 1,105 (265). Earnings per share were 8.3p (3.7p on old capital). An interim dividend of 1.5p (1p) is being paid on Feb 3.

● **PHOENIX PROPERTIES & FINANCE:** The company has agreed to acquire the entire issued share capital of Fairplace for £600,000, with the issue of 1.2 million ordinary shares.

● **WILLIAM COOK:** The chairman has urged Robert Hyde shareholders to accept the Cook offer, saying that it compares favourably with the rival management buyout arranged by the Robert Hyde board.

● **CULLEN'S STORES:** Terms have been arranged for the sale of its head office at Dorking in Surrey. The site occupies a prime position which the purchasers, Intercede 308, intend to develop.

● **UNITED PARCELS:** Bunzl now controls 61,0016,935 ordinary shares in United Parcels, which represent 93.9 per cent.

● **ZYGAL DYNAMICS:** For the six months to September 30, with figures in £000, turnover was 2,0999 (2,715) pretax loss was 211 (182 loss) and loss per share 3.2p (2.2p loss). There is no interim dividend (same).

● **CHARTER TRUST AGENCY:** Results for the year to November 30 include a final dividend of 1.532p making 2.32p (2.15p), payable on April 1. With figures in £000, total income was 3,267 (2,953). Earnings per share were 2.32p (2.16p) and net asset value 1088.1p (91.1p) after deducting prior charges at par.

● **SIGMEX INTERNATIONAL:** Sigmex, a specialist European electronic systems engineering group is to apply for admission to the Unlisted Securities Market. In the year to June 30 the company made a pretax profit off £1.2 million on a turnover of £11.9 million. It forecasts a dividend of not less than 0.53p per share for present year.

● **TARMAC:** The company is to redeem at par the 6¼ per cent debentive stock, 1986-91.

● **MANOR NATIONAL:** The board has decided not to pay the dividend on the 10.5 per cent redeemable preference shares for the six months to Jan 6, 1986.

RECENT ISSUES

	Closing Price
Abbott Mead Vickers 5p Ord (180)	205+5
Ashley (Laura) 5p Ord (135)	185+1
Cable & Wireless 50p Ord (587) 300p Pd	310+2
Chancery Securities 25p Ord (63a)	69
Chart Foulkes Lynch 5p Ord (86a)	87+1
Chetwynd Stores 5p Ord (120)	130+2
China & Eastn Inv $0.05 (71p)	65
Cranswick Mill 10p Ord (95a)	97
Cymtx 5p Ord (74a)	82
Diskons 25p Ord (128a)	135
German Soc Inv £1 Ord (100) 50p Pd	48–1
Grayste Surfaco 10p Ord (56a)	63
Inoco 10p Ord (55)	51+1
J S Pathology 10p Ord (160a)	241+10
Jacques Vert 10p Ord (130a)	125
Lawson Inv $0.01 Com Stk (115)	118
Merivale Moore 5p Ord (113)	123
Monks & Crane 10p Ord (a)	81
Norank System 5p Ord (90a)	95–2
S A C International 10p Ord (100a)	116
SFP 10p Ord (125)	154
Snowden & Bridge 10p Ord (97a)	100
Sterling Publishing 5p Ord (57a)	69
Strata Inv (100)	99
Technical Component 25p Ord (130a)	200+5
Underwoods 10p Ord (180*)	189+2
Rights issues	
Barham (110) Nil Pd	7 prem
Hanwells (68) Nil Pd	¾ prem
Lowell (V.J.) (260) Nil Pd	34 prem
Mountleigh ($ 475) Nil Pd	35 prem–10
Smith Bros (165)	7 prem

Issue price in parentheses, a Unlisted Securities, *by tender.



Horizontal hold: Pekka Suorsa, the 18-year-old Finn, on his way to landing a surprise victory in the first event of the annual Four Hills ski jumping tournament at Oberstdorf

RUGBY LEAGUE

Clubs try to side-step the weather

By Keith Macklin

The prospects of a slow thaw give rise to the hope that the New Year's Day programme will not have too many interruptions. One game is certain to be played, the Leeds v Oldham match at Headingley because its underground head and there are good prospects for Hull Kingston Rovers against York.

The ground at Craven Park, Hull, has a covering of snow, but Ron Turner, the Rovers secretary, said yesterday that the turf seemed in good condition underneath, and the temperature on Humberside is steadily rising.

The Headingley game is certain to be played unless there is a heavy snowfall, which would certainly surprise the forecasters. Once again, leeds have shown the priceless value of their underground heating, which was installed as long ago as 1963 and has enabled them to play their fixtures uninterrupted during virtually every winter since then.

The game against Oldham is an important one for both sides. with Leeds striving to rediscover lost form and Oldham anxious to prove that their tenure of the top place in the first division is no fluke. Oldham may have played more fixtures than rival clubs like Hull Kingston Rovers and Wigan. but they are undoubtedly a greatly improved side with the infusion of Australians and the strong coaching of Frank Myler.

Hull Kingston Rovers themselves are at home to York, and, having beaten them recently in both the John Player Special Trophy and the League, will anticipate another two points.

Elsewhere. weather permitting. Wigan attempt to extend their unbeaten run of 15 matches. They have a tough derby game at Warrington, where the home side are putting it together for their most consistent season for some years.

Halifax, another side doing consistently well. go to Swinton where Hull and Bradford Northern have recently been surprised by the lowly club's fighting spirit. Another top-of-the-table dergy game is at St Helens, where Widnes are the visitors in a match between two proud clubs who have recently stuttered in form.

Punishments

Gary Prohm, the Hull Kingston Rovers centre, and Colin Whitfield, the Wigan winger, were both suspended for two matches by the Rugby League disciplinary committee yesterday. Leeds had three players suspended: Kevin Dick and David Ward were each banned for four games, and Mark Conway for two.

OTHER SUSPENSIONS: D Hobbs (Oldham), K Mason (Dewsbury) and S Higgins (Castleford) 4 matches; J Myler (Widnes) and G Cameron (Whitehaven) 2 matches.

RUGBY UNION

Middlesex agonize over final choice

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Middlesex, last season's county champions, are looking forward to the new year and the first of their "home-and-away" fixtures with Queensland, who are due to land in this country on Thursday. The Australian state team play Kent at Blackheath on Sunday and Middlesex at Wasps next Wednesday evening but in 1987 they will be hosting Middlesex on their first world tour, which includes matches in Singapore, Sydney and Brisbane.

While Kent field the team which has done them proud in this season's county championship Middlesex, acknowledging the strength of their visitors, are agonizing over whether to bring in players who, for the sake of the divisional championship, opted out of this season's county championship. The team will be finalized after the weekend but will doubtless include some of the players who meet at Roehampton tomorrow when Rosslyn Park bring in the new year with a derby game against Wasps.

The two teams clashed in a London merit table early this month, when Wasps had surrendered 10 players to the divisional side. The Park won comfortably and Wasps, noting that their opponenets have made much of the result. will be at some pains to reverse the decision despite the absence of Davies, Smith, Bailey, Melville and Moss.

Park hope to know by this afternoon whether the game will go ahead, having selected the side that would have played last weekend against Coventry but for the frost. Foulds retains his place at lock though Ripley, who will also be required by Middlesex, will return from holiday in time for Saturday's game with Blackheath.

If the predicted improvement in the weather comes true. the other main games to herald 1986 will be played between Cardiff and Bath, while Gloucester entertain Moseley in a John Smith's merit table A game. Bath will probably rest Egerton, their young No 8, tomorrow but have all their internationals available with the exceptions of the injured wings, Trick and Swift, and Halliday, who strained a hamstring playing for the Barbarians last Saturday.

Gloucester will be at full strength for Moseley's visit to Kingsholm though they will not be able to welcome one of their former players, Boyle, the 1983 British Lions lock. He is still recovering from a damaged cartilage. However, another Lion of the same vintage, Jeavons, will maintain his remarkably consistent record of appearances for Moseley. Having settled down on the blind-side flank after doing duty for his club at No 8 and second row, Jeavons has been playing to great effect and may indicate, along with his opposite number, Gadd of Gloucester, that England are not so short of quality in that position.

The touring Australian Schoolboys will be keen to play, having missed their match against Leinster at the weekend. So far unbeaten, they play Irish Schools at Ravenhill tomorrow, and the Ulster officials are confident that the game will go ahead.

Scots see in the old

By Ian McLauchlan

The Scottish international trial team announced yesterday has that familiar look which does little to raise the spirits of the dedicated follower of the game. The inclusion of Duncan. Brewster and Parker is on merit. Duncan. on the right wing. has been showing strength and speed in attack, allied with an awareness and certainty in defence. which has previously been missing from his game.

Brewster, capped as a flanker in 1977, has worked hard at his new position at the loose head of the scrum and has augmented his natural farming strength with weight training. A gough, no-nonsense character, he is well suited to the front row. Parker is also a "farmer" and has the mobility and skill to play at No 8 as well as in the boiler-room. Though predominantly a front jumper in the lineout, he is athletic enough to be a serviceable mid-line man as well.

Surprising, however, is the inclusion of Tomes and Rutherford, neither of whom has been anywhere approaching top form. In fairnesato Tomes, there is no obvious replacement and he has been at his best in a Scotland shirt.

Another doubt must be the mixture in the back row, where all three players are at their best going forward and neigher Calder nor Jeffrey has the certainty in the tackle that one likes to see in a flanker.

BLUES: P W. Dods (Gala); M D F Duncan (W of Scotland), K W Robertson (Melrose), D L Johnston (Watsonians), I Tukalo (Selkirk); J Y Rutherford (Selkirk), R J Laidlaw (Jed-Forest); A K Brewster (Stewart's-Melville), C T Deans (Hawick), I G Milne (Harlequins), H M Parker (Cllmarnock), A J Tomes (Hawick), J H Calder (Stewart's-Melville), I A M Paxton (Selkirk), J Jeffrey (Kelso).

REDS: A G Hastings (Cambridge University); S W McAslan (Heriot's), S H Scott (Stewart's-Melville), S Hastings (Watsonians), G R T Baird (Kelso); D S Wyllie (Stewart's-Melville), I C Hunter (Selkirk); D M B Sole (Bath), G J Callander (Kelso), M A Rowan (Boroughmuir), A J Campbell (Hawick), J R E Campbell-Lamerton (London Scottish), D B White (Gala), J R Beattie (Glasgow Academicals, F Calder (Stewart's-Melville).

REPLACEMENTS: (for both sides): C A Gray (Nottingham), P J Hogarth (Hawick), A D G Mackenzie (Selkirk), D G Leslie (Dundee HSFP), I D McKie (Gala), J G Rampbell-Lamerton (Melrose), G Waite (Kelso), R I Crama (Harlequins), B Edwards (Boroughmuir), C Flannigan (Melrose), S G Johnston (Watsonians), J A Pollock (Gosforth), A V Tait (Kelso).

Referee: B A Anders (Corstorphine).

BOBSLEIGHING

Phipps blames failure on festive break

Nick Phipps, of Britain, finished a disappointing thirteenth in the Nations Cup four-man competition at Königssee in West Germany yesterday (Chris Moore writes). The event was decided over only two launs after bad weather had caused the cancellation of the first two runs.

Wolfgang Hoppe, the Olympic champion from East Germany, took the gold medal ahead of Switzerland's Ralph Pichler, with Austria's Peter Kienast in third place.

"Our start times were not up to scratch, possibly because we had 10 days off up to and including Christmas, and that's what really let us down", Phipps, who two weeks ago won a gold and silver medal in the third round of the World Cup series in Cortina, said.

Phipps's open time of 50.73 seconds was a British track record at the course.

LEADING PLACINGS: 1, East Germany II (Hoppe), 1 min 40.08 sec (49.80+50.28); 2, Switzerland I (R Pichler), 1:40.15 (49.88+50.27); 3, Austria I (P Kienast), 1:40.28 (50.08.18); 4, East Germany I (B Lehmann), 1:40.38 (50.09+50.29); 5, Switzerland II (H Hilsbrand), 1:40.61 (50.13+50.48); 6, West Germany I (C Schebitz), 1:40.83 (50.12+50.51).

Injuries emphasize an abundance of talent

CHRIS THAU concludes his assessment of France's potential with an appraisal of their backs.

But for the injuries to Lescarboura and Codorniou, France would have been able to field their impressive 1984 back division in this season's five-nations championship. As things stand, however, both men will be missing, Lescarboura for the season and Codorniou, who has a sprained wrist, for a month.

So, coupled with their problems among the forwards, France must also replace their stand-off half (and goalkeeper) and the gifted centre whose impeccable timing and subtle lines of running offer the man outside him so much time and space. Lescarboura's absense paves the way for the return of Didier Camberabero after an unhappy championship debut in 1983.

Camberabero's confidence declined sadly during 1984 but he enjoyed a good tour of Argentina last summer and his decision to move from La Voulte, the 'family' club, to Béziers, has helped immensely. It may also be worth remembering the name of his younger brother, Gilles, who plays scrum half for La Volte, because I am sure we will hear more of him.

The situation at centre is interesting as much for those quality players who will be left out as for who is eventually chosen. The first choice is Philippe Sella, whose play has sometimes been under-rated in Britain. But his attacking qualities equal those of Codornion and his defence is second to none. He is the most complete footballer in the French back division and the main reason why the two Toulouse gems, Denis Charvet and Eric Bonneval, are unlikely to play together in their club positions.

They did appear for France against Japan when it would have been possible to write pages about their play as a unit. Charvet would be the more likely to go forward as Sella's partner but for an injury during the trial games at Agen, which may mean he will not be fit in time for the game against Scotland on January 18.

This would offer Brive's Pierre Chadebach a chance alongside Sella, while Bonneval conceivably could play on the wing. To do so, however, he would have to displace Pierre Lagisquet, who played so well in 1984, missed all last season because of injury but has now returned to his old form.

The other wing, Patrick Esteve, broke a leg in Brazil during the summer but was back playing for Narbonne in October. His pace is accepted but his footballing qualities are limited; his effectiveness may be reduced by the absence inside him of his club colleague, Codornion, so there may be a vacancy on the left wing to be filled by Bonneval or asyone from a clutch of enterprising full backs.

There is Jean-Baptiste Lafond, from Racing Club and dubbed the "white" Blanco, who has appeared on the wing for his country; there is Jerome Bianchi from Toulon, picked at full back against Scotland last season when Blanco was named on the wing, only for Blanco to revert to his normal position when Bianchi dropped out injured.

Injury has solved some potentially embarrassing problems for the French selectors. Blanco, a goal-kicker – as is Camberabero – and long accepted as Europe's leading full back, did not take kindly to being moved to the wing last season, though he appeared there in championship matches earlier in his career. Will he accept a move there this season should the selectors feel that the claims of Bianchi or Lafond at full back cannot be overlooked?

CRICKET

Rain ruins India's chances of victory

Melbourne (Reuter) – A combination of rain and Allan Border's batting dashed India's hopes of winning the second Test against Australia here yesterday. The match ended in a draw after the final session was washed out with India on 59 for two, a tantalizing 67 runs from victory.

The rain would almost certainly have come too late to save Australia but for the stout resistance of Border their captain and the man-of-the-match, who batted splendidly to make 163.

Border was 98 when Australia resumed on the final morning at 228 for eight in their second innings, a lead of only 45 runs. Australia's plight deepened when Bruce Reid was the ninth batsman out with only three runs added. But Border was then given solid support by the last man, Dave Gilbert, the tenth-wicket pair putting on 77 runs, an Australian record against India.

Border was the last man out with the score on 308 when he was stumped off the spinner Shivlal Yadav having completed his sixteenth Test century and his third against India. Gilbert was left unbeaten on 10.

India needing 126 to win, lost Sunil Gavaskar for eight with the score on 39, then 18 runs later Krishnamachari Srikkanth went for 38. both wickets falling to the fast bowler Reid.

Despite the setback, India were poised to give Kapil Dev his first victory in 19 Tests as captain when the weather intervened. Black clouds had threatened throughout the final day, but it was not until the players left the field for tea that the rain set in. With the First Test also ending in a draw. the series will now be decided by the third and final Test starting in Sydney on Thursday.

AUSTRALIA: First Innings 262 (G R J Matthews 100no, R Shastri c Kapil Dev 87).

Second Innings	
G Marsh c Siva b Shastri	19
D Boon c and b Kapil Dev	19
*A Border st Kirmani b Yadav	163
D Hookes c Srikkanth b Shastri	0
S Waugh b Shastri	5
G Matthews c Azharuddin b Siva	18
†W Phillips c Srikkanth b Yadav	15
R Bright lb-w-b Kapil Dev	20
C McDermott c and b Shastri	2
B Reid c Siva b Yadav	13
D Gilbert not out	10
Extras (b 11, l-b 16, n-b 1)	28
Total	308

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–32, 2–54, 3–54, 4–84, 5–126, 6–161, 7–202, 8–205, 9–231, 10–308.

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 22-7-53-2; Amarnath 3-0-9-0; Shastri 47-13-92-4; Yadav 38.5-15-84-3; Sivaramakrishnan 13-1-43-1.

INDIA: First Innings 445 (K Srikkanth 86, D B Vengsarkar 75, Kapil Dev 55, B A Reid 4 for 100).

Second Innings	
S M Gavaskar b Reid	8
K Srikkanth c Bright b Reid	38
M Amarnath not out	3
D B Vengsarkar not out	1
Extras (b4, lb1, nb4)	9
Total (2 wkts)	59

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–39, 2–57.

BOWLING: McDermott 6-1-17-0; Gilbert 4-0-9-0; Reid 8-2-23-2; Bright 7-4-6-0.

Kapil Dev hits out at umpires

Kapil Dev, the Indian captain, has criticized Australian umpires in general and Ray Isherwood and Dick French in particular following the drawn second Test in Melbourne yesterday, in which Isherwood and French stood.

"The umpires here will have to improve. they are the worst umpires in the world," Kapil Dev said. "I never expected this in Australia."

"We should have won the match yesterday by 30 or 40 runs – we are all bolling inside," he said. "You can't control the weather but you can show your anger even if it's only in the dressing room about the umpires.

"We don't like to show too much aggression and my team are good mannered on the field, but Allan Border and Dave Gilbert were both out first ball today. There were no good decisions for out side – how is it that we get the bad decisions all the time?"

Kapil Dev also maintained that on Sunday the Australian tailender Bruce Reid was clearly out caught in the slips and that earlier in the match both Geoff Marsh and David Hookes should have been given out leg before.

The Indian captain was particularly critical of Isherwood and charged that he did not "even ask the leg umpire" about difficult decisions involving close catches.

The Indians were also upset by the leg vefore decision in the first innings with which Krichnamachri Srikkanth was dismissed for 86.

Kent all-clear

John Pocock, the Kent chariman, confirmed yesterday that the Australian Cricket Board had raised no objection to Terry Alderman, the former test bowler, rejoining the county next season. Alderman took 76 championship wickets when he played for Kent in 1984 and they retained his registration.

Top student

An unbeaten century by David Robertson put Australian Universities in a strong position yesterday on the first day of a three-day match against Oxford and Cambridge Universities at Hobart. He was on 109, and the Australians on 186 for one, when rain stopped play.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Shares flourish on new year hopes

By Derek Pain

Shares were in fine form yesterday. Although trading was exceptionally thin, prices were buoyed by New Year optimism and the FT-SE share index, embracing 100 leading shares, climbed above the 1,400 points mark for the first time for three weeks.

It gained 14.7 points to 1, 413.6 points. The less representative but still much more widely quoted FT 30 share index closed with a 9.7 points advance to 1,130.0 points.

Much of the activity was generated by a wide array of New Year on offer from a variety of sources. At least 40 gains, mostly by second line companies, could be attributed to such recommendations.

Stores were helped by reports of encouraging Christmas sales – say gains of 5 per cent. There is also evidence of a retail recovery in the North. Drink and food shares came in, once again, for traditional festive attention.

Government stocks were, however, neglected, recording falls of up to £¼ in index linked gilts. Conventional gilts barely stirred.

Beecham Group, regarded at the next takeover target for Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch group, improved 10p to 373p at one time. The shares closed with a 5p gain.

Distillers Co, on its defence document and the response by bidder Argyll Group, lost an 8p gain to close unchanged at 500p. Argyll rose 8p to 343p. The bid is not expected to be referred to the Monopolies Commission.

Imperial Group held at 258p as it posted its offer document to United Biscuits shareholders. UB was also unchanged – at 240p. Hanson Trust, which is bidding for Imps, rose 3p to 198p. It must post its offer document this week but in the meantime has contented itself with sending a letter and a copy of its accounts to Imps shareholders.

Ladbroke Group, the betting, hotel and property operation headed by Mr Cyril Stein, could be near to launching a significant takeover bid. One suggestion is that the group, already a leading hotelier, will attempt to add to its chain by bidding for Vaux Breweries, the Sunderland business which embraces the highly successful Swallow Hotels. Another is that Ladbroke will embark on a further spell of diversification or add to one of its smaller operations, such as the Laskya hi-fi shops chain. Ladbroke shares gained 1p to 322p and Vaux was unchanged at 348p.

Shares of Carr's Milling Industries, which ranges from baking to engineering, are good value, L Messel & Co, the broker, suggests Mr Tony Bennett and Mr Tim Amies believe current year profits will rise almost £200,000 to £1,475,000 and reach £1,700,000 in the following year. The shares were unchanged at 160p yesterday.

Oil shares improved behind the cold spell with British Petroleum up 13p to 561p. Lasmo, where stories of a bid still linger despite the company's apparent defensive move with Rio Tinto-Zinc, improved 5p to 246p. Tricentrol, where bid talks has re-surfaces, was 4p harder at 155p.

Reuters, on the American interest in the shares, was at one time 20p higher at 376p. The shares closed at 371p.

There were some good gains among advertising agents. Saatchi & Saatchi improved 35p to 815p and London & County Advertising advanced 11p to 138p.

Acorn Computer, one of the poorest performing shares of the year, held at 40p. Joint founders Mr Christopher Curry Mr Herman Hauser announced shareholding by Manchester and London Trust. M and L is 72.5 per cent owned by Neil Fergusson (Chemist) which in turn is 50.1 per cent controlled by Mr B S Sheppard.

British Benzol shares have been strong this month on hopes of an asset injection.

Another share to benefit from such an expectation is Cannon Street Investments, a high flyer of the early 1970's which almost came to grief but re-emerged as a USM share earlier this year. The shares, around 40p when they returned to market, gained 12p to 110p.

First National Finance Corporation, another which ran into deep trouble in the 1970's, improved 3p to 163p. Figures, dne next month, are expected to be accompanied by a dividend.

P&O, the shipping group, continued to improve on expansion hopes. The shares rose 11p to 456p. Ocean Transport & Trading, on takeover talk, was at one time 5p higher at 194p. It closed at 192p.

Among breweries Guinness, which yesterday said its draught stout sales had risen 6 per cent last year in a flat beer market, gained 8p to 315p. Bass, the biggest brewer of them all, firmed 13p to 658p.

In a firm building section Barratt Developments, down to 66p earlier this year when the company appeared to have much of its future behind it, continued its recovery. The shares advanced a further 6p to 132p.

Westland, as the rival bidders continued to jockey for position, gained another 5p to 93p. The market continues to be more impressed with the £65 million Indian helicopter contract than the present confrontation.

Brint Investments, which has suffered from the Burnett & Hallamshire debacle, gained 15p to 175p on the reported

Associated Energy Services, a catering equipment group, held at 25p yesterday as 2.5 million shares (36.1 per cent of the capital) were placed at 11p each with institutional investors. The shares came from the holding of Mr Paul Howlett, the chairman, who retains 18.5 per cent. AES was aced nearly two years ago at 58p.

arrival of Mr Henry Berens, the former London Trust chief.

Holmes & Marchant continued to reflect satisfaction with the Blitz acquisition, gaining 35p to 415p.

Norolk Capital Graoup, the hotel and pub group, was unchanged at 24½p as the Kuwait Investment Office, which is thought to have cut back on its British shareholdings lately, increased its share stake.

APPOINTMENTS

Highland Electronics Distribution Mr Ian Staveley has been made operations director.

Express Dairy Company: Mr Leslie Cullen joins the board as finance director and Mr Colin Warwick as management services director.

Clarkson Puckle International Benefit Consultants: Mr Jim Graham has been appointed to the board.

The Radamec Group: Mr David Maitland and Admiral Sir Peter Herbert have been appointed non-executive directors.

J L Holdings: Mr John Watkins has been appointed managing director of Turbo International and C V Units.

Sunmed Holidays: Mr Richard Anthony Kane has been nained as financial director.

Gooding Group: Mr Eric J. Cater and Mr Tony Sumner have been made non-executive directors.

Baggeridge Brick: Mr M. P. Haines is to be an executive director.

Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co: Sir Alan Hellaby is to join the board of P & O New Zealand as a non-executive director, and will succeed Mr Alex George as chairman April 1.

Hunting Engineering: Mr T H Kerr has been appointed a non-executive director.

Willis Faber & Dumas: Mr M. H. Woods has been appointed a director. Mr M. A. Hedley, Mr J. M. P. Taylor and Mr M. H. Woods become deputy managing directors, aviation division. Mr R. G. W. Dixon and Mr M. H. Duder become deputy managing directors marine division. Mr M. Claydon has been appointed managing director, home division of Willis Faber & Dumas (UK).

Guest Keen & Nettlefolds: Mr M. J. C. Borlenghi, Mr A. Daly, Mr B. D. Insch and Mr R. J. B. Jessop are to become executive directors.

Kepner-Tregoe UK: Mr Roy Close has become a non-executive director.

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Adam & Company	11½%
BCCI	11½%
Citibank Savings	† 12¾%
Consolidated Crds	11½%
Continental Trust	11½%
Co-operative Bank	11½%
C. Hoare & Co	11½%
Lloyds Bank	11½%
Nat Westminster	11½%
Royal Bank Scotland	11½%
TSB	11½%
Citibank NA	11½%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

SKIING

Bulgaria loses slalom races

Berne (Reuter) – The International Ski Federation (FIS) has postponed the World Cup slalom and giant slalom races in Borovetz, Bulgaria, on Friday and Saturday because of a shortage of snow. No new date or venue has been set.

Although snow cover in the Alps was helped over the weekend by a fairly heavy storm, the organizers are still looking for places to stage the races.

SNOW REPORTS

FRANCE

	Depth (cm) L	U	State of Piste	Weather °C
Isola 2000	60	100	–	–
Les Arcs	50	150	–	–
Les Menuires	22	40	–	–
Meribel	15	35	–	–
Val d'Isère	35	60	–	–

SWITZERLAND

	Depth (cm) L	U	State of Piste	Weather	°C
Adelboden	15	50	Pistr	Good	1
Champery	20	50	Pistr	Good	1
Grindelwald	20	30	Pistr	Fair	1
Lenzk	30	60	Pistr	Good	1
Crans Montana	30	40	Pistr	Good	1
Murren	40	50	Pistr	Good	1
Saas-Fee	20	55	Pistr	Good	1
St Moritz	60	45	Pistr	Good	1
Villars	40	45	Pistr	Fair	-1

SCOTLAND: Cairngorm: Upper runs: runs complete – wide snow cover wet snow on a firm base. Middle runs: snow cover patchy new snow; lower slopes: no snow or very little: Vertical runs: 600ft. Hill roads: clear; main roads: clear; snow level: 2,500ft. Glenshee: Upper runs: no snow or very little; lower slopes: no snow or very little: Vertical runs: nil. Hill roads: clear; main roads: clear; snow level: 1,100ft. Lecht: Upper runs: some runs complete, new snow, Middle runs: some runs complete, new snow; lower slopes: some runs complete, new snow; vertical runs 600ft. Hill roads: clear; main roads: clear; snow level: 2,000ft. Glenmore: Insufficient snow.

SPORTING QUOTES OF THE YEAR

'Brazilians are too expensive and the French are not available'

—Egyptian FA spokesman on the unpopular appointment of former Wales manager Mike Smith as national coach

I don't care if he's George Best or Pelé. Unless he's willing to do hard training he won't get a look in – Malcolm Holman, manager of the football team at Ford open prison, on Best's arrival.

We're expecting a lot of heavy praying – Archie Phillips, Hereford director, on borrowing church pews for the club's FA Cup tie with Arsenal, who won 7-2 *after a replay.*

My final wish is to be treated and accepted as any other British athlete – Zola Budd in January.

I persuaded them that to take a towel out to Viv Richards or to dry Clive Lloyd's socks is as good as scoring 20 or 30 – Senator Wesley Hall on how he kept young players happy when not playing during last winter's *West Indies tour of Australia.*

One of our sprinters was told: **"You've got no chance against me today, I've had an extra two pints from the milkman"** – Jim Hendry, British Olympic cycling team manager, claiming that blood-doping by American *competitors had been prevalent* in the 1984 Olympic Games.

Dutch goalkeepers are protected to a ridiculous extent. The only time they're in danger of physical contact is when they go into a red-light district – Brian Clough, who signed two goal*keepers from The Netherlands.*

God has a task for each of us, and you just have to do the best you can at it. For me, right now, it just happens to be running a marathon backwards – Albert Freese, the world backwards marathon record holder.

Now I could die and it would be alright – Libby Riddles, after winning the Alaskan Initarod trail sled dog race in 18 days 20 min 17 sec.

It costs £20 for a pair of protective shorts, but if you don't have any you just jolly well get on the ice and get on with it – Clare Platt, of the Oxford University women's ice hockey *team.*

Women's influence on the school sports system has wrecked it. They went for music and movement. Women are basically anti-competition – Peter Lawson, the general secretary of the Central Council for Physical Recreation (CCPR).

I'm still chasing the girls but now I'm catching them - Sports Council youth promotion slogan.

We're the mean machine, the bovver birds. The meaner you are, the better. You make more *money that* way. *You get* remembered – Lolita Loren, woman wrestler.

What it boils down to is this: **when are you a woman and when are you a man? It's gotten out of hand** – Wayne Demilia, a spokesman for the International Federation of Body Building, on the increasing use of anabolic steroids.

Not only do I *want to* be president of the Rugby Football Union in 1994, but also I am a truly wonderful person and books like this don't make much *money* – Andy Ripley, explaining why profits from *Ripley's Rugby Rubbish* were being given to the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

It's a bit like joining the Titanic in mid-voyage – Rachel Heyhoe-Flint on being appointed public relations officer of Wolver*hampton* Wanderers in April.

You can stop counting, I'm not getting up – Jim Watt, the *former world lightweight champion*, suggesting his tombstone epitaph.

Never had a ball. Oranges. All the time, oranges – Kenneth Achampong, Fulham FC's Afri*can-born forward*, on how he acquired his ball control.

These were fire matters and not *my responsibility* – John Laird, the government health and safety executive *inspector*, on his failure to take action over the fire risk at Bradford City's ground.

The pressure on schools is to be anti-competitive. PE teachers are positively discouraged from the job they are trained to do – Paul Chapin, a PE teacher, resigning in protest at Inner London Education Authority policy.

The whole competitive ethic is *becoming unfashionable*. It's a terrible loss. I believe that playing team sport is a great formative experience – Peter Lawson, secretary of the CCPR.

All I could see was the ball. I thought I had a 50-50 chance of getting it – Kevin Moran, of *Manchester United, on the* tackle which led to his being sent off at Wembley in the FA Cup final.

Fifteen years for that? You get better trophies playing pool – *Joe Farrag, Everton supporter,* on the Canon League trophy which replaced *the old Football* League championship cup.

We used to think Liverpool were cocky when they talked about the derby with Everton as just another game. We'd be discussing it for weeks beforehand. But now we know what they *meant* – *Kevin Ratcliffe, the* Everton captain, as his team challenged for the treble.

I have played football since I was a toddler. Left wing, as you would expect. I was very fast – Oxford United's chairman, Robert Maxwell.

He stole the glory from the *players and spoiled a night that* should have been for the players and the supporters – Jim Smith, the former Oxford manager, on the night Maxwell turned the club's promotion celebrations into what some claimed was a propaganda campaign against the local council.

Where are we going? What the *hell are we doing? Why the hell* do these people keep paying me? – Alkis Panagoulas, United States national soccer coach, before the US-England match in June, on his country's foot*balling state.*

Comprehensives do not produce *cricketers* – *Jim Laker.*

I'm going to make them wear their caps this season. You don't *award a player his county floppy* hat do you? – Jack Bond, Lancashire's team manager.

It should be a cause of real concern to cricket administrators that the batsman himself has become as much a target for the fast bowlers of the world as *the wicket he defends* – *Wisden* editorial.



Martina Navratilova, meeting her Madame Tussaud's waxwork model: "She needs *a haircut. And those calves are bigger than mine."*



Exchange between Trevor Brooking (above) and John Lyall (below), his former manager, after West Ham United's win over Queen's Park Rangers:
Brooking: "It looks as though your side is a bit younger these days."
Lyall: "No, it's just that we all now tackle."



If you have guys who are going to stay around and be stubborn, and obviously make fast bowlers look like they are not fast bowlers, I can't see why they shouldn't be softened up a bit – Viv Richards, the West Indies captain, replying to the criticism in *Wisden* of Marshall's bowling to Pocock the previous summer.

I'm upset, annoyed, disappointed, fed up, *to say* the very least – Phil Edmonds on being left out of the first Test.

I can't understand why a bloke can't put his foot down behind the line – Allan Border, Australia's captain, on his bowlers' problems with no-balls.

What goes *on out in the middle* is our business, it's nothing to do with you – Mervyn Kitchen, umpire, replying to press questioning about no-balling Thomson during the Austra*lians' match with Essex.*

You see the highlights, I see the failures. For motivation purposes the failures are more important to me – England's *opener, Tim Robinson, after his* 175 against Australia in the first Test.

We are *fitter* than any side I have ever known at Yorkshire – David Bairstow, the Yorkshire captain, after the team's pre-season training at Catterick *army camp.*

New ball pair No. 14 – *Yorkshire Post* headline in *August as Yorkshire's seam* bowlers struggled for fitness.

It was a bit like trying to take an up-and-under with a pack of angry forwards bearing down on you – Allan Border on Geoff Lawson's attempt to take a catch as the crowds came on at the end of the Headingley Test.

Ian (Botham) represents everything that's the best in Britain. He's Biggles, the VC, El Alamein, the tank commander. He's *everything. I mean, how* could a schoolboy not want to be like *Ian Botham?* – Tim Hudson, Botham's agent.

Gower not only has to prove that he is worth a place as captain *but* also as a batsman at Lord's – Fred Trueman before the second Test. Gower went on to make a total of 732 runs in the series.

Botham *couldn't bowl a hoop downhill* – Fred Trueman. Botham's total of wickets in the Ashes series was 31.

I am not prepared to practise eight hours a day or go on a diet just to be No. 1 – Mats Wilander before Wimbledon.

It's hysterical. The committee only had one decision to make and they chickened out – Pam Shriver, the American tennis player, on the seeding of Chris Lloyd and Martina Navratilova as joint No. I at Wimbledon.

Chris and my mother both belong to the club of No. 1. But I think Chris would be better in No. 10 than *my mother would* be on the other side of the net – *Carol Thatcher on Chris Lloyd.*

I don't care who you are trying to protect, not even royalty. No one comes in here without a *pass* – *Wimbledon steward* refusing admission to Frank Sinatra's 18-strong security entourage.

***The average guy has a pathetic* body and when they see me they feel threatened** – Martina Navratilova.

I can't wait to not have to play Wimbledon again – John McEnroe.

I simply do not want to sit in that box at that wonderful place and risk the embarrassment, as *an American, of seeing an* American disgrace our country – Charlton Heston explaining that McEnroe's behaviour had made him turn down an invitation to Wimbledon.

Ten years ago I would have said it was questionable whether a Christian joining the tennis *circuit could have prospered* spiritually and grown in his faith. Based on what has happened in the last two years, I would say that there is light on the tennis court, and that there is an opportunity for someone to incorporate Christian living and tennis – Sandy Mayer.

An example of the Lord's guidance came for me with my decision to join Packer's World Series Cricket – Alan Knott in his autobiography, *It's Knott Cricket.*

Being a Christian, I cannot imagine a missionary saying "We won't go there until apartheid is finished" – Alan Knott on a "rebel" tour to South Africa.

I just hope people won't think I'm a swine and a rotter – John Barclay, Sussex's captain, on declaring with Mendis four short of his fifth century in six innings. Mendis left Sussex at the end of the season.

Watching Roebuck was like being at a requiem mass – Jim Laker, after Roebuck scored 34 *off* 144 balls against Surrey. Roebuck had earlier criticized Laker's commentary.

It's going to be very hard to convince people that we really do have a lot of very promising young players – Border anticipating his return to Australia *after the Ashes defeat.*

Thatcher's batting for the Ashes **... of democracy in Lambeth. Hawke doesn't give a xxxx for Aboriginal land rights** – Banners at the Oval Test match.

I think they must be mad – Phil Edmonds on being made twelfth man by Middlesex, *the day after he had helped England* win the Ashes.

We are opposed to FIFA's over-reaction. One even wonders whether it is political – Peter Robinson, Liverpool's *chief* executive, on the worldwide ban on English clubs.

The politicians, the police and uncle Tom Cobley and all lay the blame for hooliganism squarely *on football clubs.* Even their own governing body appeared to wilt under the pressure when it fined impecunious Millwall £7,500 for an *attack on the police by a crowd* of hooligans at Luton, some 40 miles or so from their ground. Where is the justice in this? How can Millwall FC possibly be held responsible? The yobs, of course, got off scot-free and lived to fight another day – George Cubitt, Deputy Chairman of the CCPR.

I hope she (Mrs Thatcher) is not going to be two-faced enough to *turn up in the royal box at the* next FA Cup final, because she *hasn't* been football's friend – Brian Clough, on the government response to the Bradford and Brussels disasters.

If there was a vacancy, Barry (McGuigan) could become President of Ireland tomorrow if he wanted – Donal Creed, the Irish *Sports Minister*, after McGuigan's world feather*weight championship win over* Eusebio Pedroza.

Silly lies and bunkum – Harold Larwood on television's *Body*line series.

I've been through a list of all the players who have been mentioned and I've got a hell of a team – ABC commentator on the players named in baseball's drugs scandal.

If no other lesson emerges from the *agonizing confessions in* Pittsburgh, athletes must now know that you can't trust a pal with a straw up his nose – Chicago columnist on the players' readiness to name their team-mates as drug takers.

He turned it down (a job in Saudi Arabia) because they couldn't guarantee any bills for the players to run up and down – Mike Lyons, the former Sheffield Wednesday defender, *on his then manager Howard* Wilkinson.

The *British Athletic Board* believes it is non-racist, yet it is seriously undemocratic. Blacks are *first-class citizens* while they are winning and second-class citizens when they *stop* – Ron Pickering, athletics coach and BBC commentator, on the lack of black coaches and administrators.

There was blood everywhere. I got it all over my coat. My wife and 12-year-old daughter had to leave, it was so sickening. It *would have turned me into an* anti-boxing guy if I'd seen it on TV – Ferdinand *Pacheco, once* Muhammad Ali's doctor, now an American TV commentator, explaining why he advised NBC not to show the Kaylor-Walker bout.

I guess we burned our ships coming across here, but there was no longer any incentive to perform in South Africa ... and *sport* is about incentive – Rob Louw, Springbok Rugby Union player, *on signing along with* Roy Mordt to play Rugby League for Wigan.

Gobbledegooch – South African newspaper headline on Gooch's statement on apartheid which eased the way for the forth*coming England tour of the* West Indies.

I hope Mrs Thatcher was watching – Gary Lineker, England forward, after scoring three goals against Turkey. His £800,000 transfer fee had been the subject of government disapproval in the summer.

You drop your shoulder and move round a defender only to discover he didn't read your first dummy. So you crash straight into him and he comes out with the ball – Trevor Brooking, on playing Sunday morning foot*ball for Havering Nalgo.*

Wait till we play them at the *Valley* – Chris Cattlin, Brighton's manager, after his team's 5-3 defeat by Charlton, who had moved to Selhurst Park two weeks earlier.

You don't hear people singing *You'll Never Walk Alone* at Charlton home games too many times – Lennie Lawrence, Charlton's manager, several *weeks after his club's move to* Selhurst Park.





Mike Brearley (left) on Ian Botham (right):
"At *Headingley*, *before* play on the Saturday of the first Test, I heard one Yorkshireman *mutter*, none too affectionately, 'here comes t'clown', as the blond-dyed hulk stepped out of his car wearing black leather trousers and a deck-chair blazer. Later that day in the dressing *room he paraded his thigh*-length cowboy boots before me. Between the two fashion shows he struck a magnificent 60."



Tommy Docherty on life as manager of Wolverhampton Wanderers:
"I just opened the trophy cabinet. Two Japanese *prisoners* of war came out."
"After the match an official asked for two of my players to take dope tests. I offered him the referee." (After a 5-1 defeat by Brighton had ensured Wolves' relegation.)

I don't understand how I can be paid to play for Kingston as an *amateur*, yet be classified as a professional for playing in the United States basketball league when I didn't sign a contract or accept any money – *Martin* Clark on being told he was ineligible to play for England.

I'm sorry. I meant I would like to run full-time and get paid for it – The runner Steve Anders, *amending* his earlier statement that he wanted to be a professional after *protests from* the British Amateur Athletic Board. His amendment was acceptable.

This was the month when it was revealed that Zola Budd got £90,000 for running a race, then proved she was still an amateur *by finishing fourth* – *Two Cheers for November,* BBC World Service.

There are men who fear women more than they love cricket – Geoff Scargill, seconder of the motion to admit women to the Old Trafford pavilion. It failed to get the necessary two-thirds majority.

Let them (women) in, and the next thing you know the place will be full of children – *Lancashire member opposing* the motion.

Give us a pavilion behind the *bowler's arm, put a bar in it and* the women can go where the hell they like – Obviously undecided Lancashire member.

I know the musicians are boycotting it, but it's a bit daft. South Africa is not as bad as everybody makes it out to be – Sandy Lyle on playing in the $1m Sun City Classic.

I've never been invited to play in *black Africa anyway* – *Lee* Trevino, on being blacklisted by the United Nations for taking part in the same tournament.

I don't understand politics very well – Sandy Lyle.

Alan Cunningham has been a revelation to me. I didn't realize how great a job he could do on and off the court. He's our best *defensive player and our best offensive rebounder* – Ports*mouth's basketball coach* Danny Palmer writing in the Prudential Cup semi-final programme. By the time the game was played, Cunningham had been released. Portsmouth lost.

Brazil is all smiles. Officials, coaches, players, sports writers and fans are certain of our *qualifying for the second round.* Now all we need is a team – Jornal do Brasil, a Brazilian newspaper.

We don't play Brazil until the third game, so we'll have time to warm up – Billy Bingham, Northern Ireland's manager, on the World Cup draw.

It's every player's *dream* to turn out against Brazil, and to tuck *one of their* shirts in the drawer – Billy Hamilton, Northern Ireland forward.

It would have been harder if it were the world ice hockey championships – Joel Bats, French goalkeeper, on being in the same group as Canada and the Soviet Union.

***Nothing* encourages me to extend the club any mercy and I *shall* not grant leave to appeal** – Mr Justice Harman, winding up Swansea City. A stay of execution was granted by another judge three days later.

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It seems there is one rule for *Botham and one for the rest* – Yorkshire committee man after Botham had been reprimanded for dissent whereas Yorkshire's captain, David Bairstow, received a suspended four-match ban for a similar offence.

In Italy we don't have good net facilities – Alfonso Jajarayah, captain of the Italian touring *cricket team.*

Ian *sent it* to me and he wants me to wear it in the Test. How *could I? It would be advertising,* wouldn't it? – Umpire Harold Bird after receiving a Botham fedora through the post.

I don't watch television myself, *but* my family do and they tell me that the most popular programmes are the ones which are full of violence. On that basis, football ought to do rather well – Jack Dunnett, chairman of the Football League, on the *faltering TV negotiations less* than a month after the Brussels disaster.

Sport is cut and dried. You *always know* when you succeed. Even when you are 12-0 down in a 25-frame match you are in with a chance, but when you have lost it is finished. You are not an actor, you don't wonder: "did my performance go down alright?" *You've lost* – Steve Davis.

Kenny Dalglish would have *made the perfect trade union* official – Graeme Souness on his former Liverpool colleague.

There is black and white proof **I'm not the killer I'm supposed to be. I've only been sent off *twice*** – Graeme Souness.

They like me in Japan. I'm small and yet I can hit the ball 300 yards – Bernhard Langer, the US Masters champion, on his $60,000 Japanese clothing contract.

It's not a problem for me. I'm a *lousy shooter, period* – Richard Phelps, British pentathlon champion, on his weakness.

Team spirit is an illusion that you only glimpse when you win – Steve Archibald, Barcelona and former Tottenham forward.

There is still a nagging question surrounding Archie, there is a huge void of uncertainty. Was he good enough or not? A cheat *or a superstar? Or just way* beyond our group's thinking? – Steve Perryman, Tottenham's captain, discussing his former colleague Steve Archibald.

It's going to be a draw between your teams, we know that. And for us four years of hard work will just vanish – Mircea Lucescu, Romania team manager, before the decisive England v Northern Ireland World Cup qualifying match.

Try telling Pat Jennings it was a fix – Billy Bingham, Northern Ireland's manager, after his team's 0-0 draw against England.

ATHLETICS

Sly is favourite in New Year comeback race

New York – Wendy Sly, Britain's *Olympic 3,000 metres Silver medal* winner, makes her comeback in the *midnight race here in Central Park* tonight after a series of injuries and illnesses which have kept her out of action for most of 1985 (Pat Butcher writes).

Mrs Sly won the women's section of the New Year Race here last year and, despite a recent cold and the fact that she is only a month back into training, is the clear favourite to win again.

Mrs Sly will be staying in America for three months. After the race she will go to Florida and train for the United States indoor season.

She said: "I'd really like to run the world cross-country championships in Switzerland in March, but I can't come back to run the English National Championships. So I'm hoping that my indoor form will persuade officials to select me for the world championship."

TOMORROW'S FOOTBALL, RUGBY AND OTHER FIXTURES

Kick-offs 3.0 unless stated

First division

Arsenal v Tottenham (11.30)
Aston Villa v Man City
Ipswich v Watford
Liverpool v Sheffield Wed
Luton v Leicester (11.30)
Man Utd v Birmingham
Newcastle v Everton
Notts Forest v Coventry
QPR v Oxford Utd
Southampton v West Brom
West Ham v Chelsea (11.30)

GOLA LEAGUE: Barnet v Enfield; Bath v Weymouth; Cheltenham v Kidderminster (7.30); Dartford v Maidstone; Kettering v Boston; Northwich v Runcorn; Stafford v Telford; Wealdstone v Nuneaton. Postponed: Scarborough v Frickley.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Barking v Walthamstow (11.30); Bognor v Farnborough; Carshalton v Sutton; Dulwich v Croydon; Epsom and Ewell v Tooting and Mitcham; Hayes v Windsor and Eton; Hendon v Bishop's Stortford; Hitchin v Billericay; Kingstonian v Worthing; Slough v Wokingham; Yeovil v Harrow. *First division:* Aveley v Lewes; Basildon v Leyton Wingate; Chesham v St Albans; Finchley v Uxbridge; Grays v Tilbury (11.15); Hampton v Oxford City; Harlow v Hornchurch; Leatherhead v Bromley; Leytonstone and Ilford v Boreham Wood; Maidenhead United v Walton and Hersham; Wembley v Staines. *Second division, North:* Barton v Letchworth; Berkhamsted v Chalfont St Peter; Clapton v Heybridge Swifts; Haringey Borough v Harefield; Hertford v Saffron Walden (3.30); Kingsbury v Rainham; Royston v Ware; Stevenage v Cheshunt; Tring v Wolverton; Vauxhall Motors v Hemel Hempstead. *Second division, south:* Banstead v Southwick; Bracknell v Hungerford; Camberley v Egham (11.00); Dorking v Whyteleafe; Eastbourne United v Horsham; Feltham v Met Police (7.30); Flackwell Heath v Ruislip Manor; Molesey v Southall; Newbury v Marlow; Woking v Petersfield.

SHERIFF IRISH LEAGUE (2.15): Ards v Glentoran; Ballymena v Glentoran (12.0); Carrick v Distillery; Linfield v Larne; Newry v Bangor; Portadown v Coleraine. *Postponed:* Crusaders v Cliftonville.
MILITIPART LEAGUE: Burton v Wrexham; Caernarfon v Marine; Goole v Mossley; Horwich v Southport; Hyde v Gateshead; Macclesfield v Chorley; Matlock v Burton; Rhyl v Bangor City; South Liverpool v Cemaes; Workington v Morecambe; Worksop v Gainsborough (7.30).

Second division

Barnsley v Hull
Bradford v Sunderland (at Huddersfield)
Brighton v Crystal Palace (11.30)
Charlton v Millwall (11.30)
Fulham v Norwich
Grimsby v Shrewsbury
Leeds v Oldham
Middlesbrough v Huddersfield
Sheffield Utd v Carlisle
Stoke v Blackburn
Wimbledon v Portsmouth (12.0)

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Alvechurch v Bedworth; Chelmsford v Willenhall; Dudley v Witney (7.30); Fisher v Gravesend; Gosport v Basingstoke; King's Lynn v Welling; RS Southampton v Fareham; Stapshed v Corby. *Midland division:* Banbury v Bridgnorth; Bromsgrove v Wellingborough (11.30); Forest Green Rovers v Stourbridge; Hednesford v Bilston (7.30); Leamington v Leicester United; Merthyr Tydfil v Gloucester City; Moor Green v Grantham (2.0); Oldbury United v Mile Oak Rovers (11.0); Rushden v Redditch; Sutton Coldfield v VS Rugby. *Southern division:* Ashford v Corinthian Cambridge City v Burnham and Hillingdon (11.30); Canterbury City v Thanet; Chatham v Hastings; Dover Athletic v Woodford; Poole v Salisbury; Ruislip v Andover; Sheppey v Dunstable; Trowbridge v Dorchester; Waterlooville v Tonbridge.

Third division

Bolton v Wigan
Brentford v Notts County
Doncaster v Bury
Lincoln v Darlington
Newport v Derby
Plymouth v Cardiff (11.0)
Reading v Gillingham
Rotherham v Blackpool
Swansea v Bournemouth
Walsall v York
Wolves v Chesterfield

Fourth division

Burnley v Wrexham
Chester v Port Vale
Crewe v Tranmere (7.30)
Hartlepool v Halifax
Hereford v Exeter
Northampton v Orient
Peterborough v Southend
Preston v Mansfield (1.30)
Rochdale v Cambridge Utd
Stockport v Scunthorpe
Swindon v Colchester
Torquay v Aldershot

GREAT MILLS WESTERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford v Torrington; Bristol City v Minehead; *Bristol Manor Farm* v Clevedon; Chard v Dawlish; Exmouth v Saltash; Liskeard v Plymouth Argyle; Mallehan v Frome (11.0); Paulton v Chippenham; Shepton Mallet v Clandown; Taunton v Barnstaple; Weston-super-Mare v Mangotsfield (2.30).
EASTERN LEAGUE: March Town v Wisbech.
SUSSEX LEAGUE: First division: Midhurst and Easebourne v Steyning (2.0).
NENE GROUP UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Arlesey v Baldock (7.30); Brackley v Buckingham; Stamford v Bourne; Stotfold v Ampthill.
COMBINED COUNTIES (11.0): Premier division: BAe v Cobham; Chertsey v Virginia Water; Cranleigh v Godalming; Farnham v Ash; Flexe v Hartley Wintney; Frimley Green v Cove; Malden Town v Malden Vale; Mersham v Farleigh Rovers; Westfield v Cobham.

Scottish premier division

Celtic v Rangers
Dundee v Aberdeen
Hearts v Hibernian
Motherwell v Dundee Utd
St Mirren v Clydebank

Scottish first division

Airdrie v Hamilton
Clyde v Partick
Dumbarton v Morton (2.0)
East Fife v Montrose (2.0)
Falkirk v Alloa
Forfar v Brechin
Kilmarnock v Ayr

Scottish second division

Berwick v Meadowbank
Cowdenbeath v Dunfermline
Queen's Park v Albion
St Johnstone v Arbroath
Stenhousemuir v East Stirling
Stirling v Raith
Stranraer v *Queen of South*

BASKETBALL

CRYSTAL PALACE - World Invitation Club Championships: Senior men: 2.45: Murray International Metals Edinburgh v Bolna (Swed; 4.20: Maccabi (Isr) v Team Herp (Ire); 7.25: Maccabi Tel Aviv v Lahtis Gym (Austria); 9.05: Crystal Palace v Sunair Ostend.

RUGBY UNION

John Smith's Merit Table "A"
Gloucester v Moseley

Club Matches
Abercwm v Pontypridd
Bedford v Bradford
Bristol v Clifton
Camborne v Hayle (2.45)
Cardiff v Bath
O Edmondstown v Nuneaton (2.30)
Pyle v St Helens (2.30)
Headingley v Otley (2.30)
London Welsh v Streatham/Croydon (2.15)
Mossley v Glamorgan Wndrs
Manchester v Sale (2.30)
Newport v Cross Keys
Novos v Gosforth (2.15)
Redruth v Launceston
Rosslyn Park v Wasps (2.30)
Sheffield v Halifax (2.30)
Slough v Blackheath (2.15)

RUGBY LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION: Bradford v Castleford (3.30); Dewsbury v Salford (3.00); Featherstone v Hull (11.30); Hull KR v York; Leeds v Oldham; St Helens v Widnes; Swinton v Halifax; Warrington v Wigan.
SECOND DIVISION: Batley v Hunslet (11.15); Carlisle v Whitehaven; Leigh v Blackpool (3.30); Mansfield Marksmen v Doncaster (3.30); Rochdale Hornets; Runcorn Highfield v Wakefield v Bramley (3.30).

OTHER SPORT

CROSS COUNTRY: LRRC 10km (Hyde Park; 11.0)
RACKETS: Open U24 Singles & Doubles (Queen's Club, West Kensington)
REAL TENNIS: Open U24 Singles & Doubles (Queen's Club, West Kensington).

BOXING

Jones plans a return to the ring in March

Colin Jones, a *former* undefeated British and European welterweight champion, *expects* to resume his career in March. Jones, whose last contest was a world title challenge against Don Curry at Birmingham in January, says he has made a complete recovery from back trouble.

"I have another medical examination in London on Friday and I expect to begin training immediately," he said yesterday. After that it will be about two months before I am back in action."

Jones, who has boxed three times for the world title, expects to be nominated to contest the European title held by Lloyd Honeyghan and which he, himself, gave up in 1983.

"That would be a nice challenge and on the strength of that I could then decide on the next step. But I definitely have thoughts about the world title. I think I still have what is needed

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FOOTBALL: KENDALL'S MOST DEFIANT OPPONENT COULD BE JACK FROST

Everton again team of the year after another great comeback

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Everton, who won almost everything except the pools and the FA Cup last season, can claim to have collected yet another honour, albeit an unofficial one. Judged on points earned over the last 12 months, the League champions and holders of the European Cup Winners' Cup and Milk Cup are the first division team of the year, as they were in 1984.

It is worth recalling that Howard Kendall was in danger of losing his managerial position at Goodison Park exactly two years ago. The transformation has been remarkable. In their subsequent 86 fixtures his side have gained more victories (51), had fewer defeats (17) and scored more goals (173) than any other club in the first division.

When set alongside such lofty standards, Everton's start this season was indifferent. At the beginning of November they were lagging 17 points behind Manchester United and any chance of successfully defending their title seemed to have been sucked into a black hole. But they have since re-emerged and climbed to within three points of United.

So rapid has been their progress, which began with a 6-1 humiliation of Arsenal and included comfortable victories over United on Boxing Day and Sheffield Wednesday last Saturday, that they could greet the new year as the leaders. Yet they are likely to be defied by the weather, if not Newcastle United, in the North-east.

The pitch at St James' Park, which was too hard for Saturday's game against United to take place, still resembles a patch of green concrete. It will be inspected at noon today but Russell Cushing, Newcastle's secretary, said: "It is not looking good. We have had another heavy frost and if the sub-zero temperatures continue – the match will be off".

United, whose defence was as solid in 1985 as the turf at Newcastle, will not complain if another of their fixtures is postponed. Even though they are to entertain Birmingham City, who have won away only once so far this season, they would prefer to wait until Bryan Robson is restored to their line-up.

The conditions may delay him as well. He started training again last Friday and was to test his fitness later in the week before being considered for next Saturday's FA Cup third-round tie against Rochdale. But, after missing their influential captain for a costly two months, United are unlikely to risk him on unforgiving surfaces.

Ron Atkinson, who returned to Manchester last Saturday in time to watch Bailey make several notable saves for the reserves in a 2-0 win over their City neighbours, will still prefer Turner in goal. Ron Saunders, whose side have collected a mere two points in the last 10 weeks, can afford no such luxuries. Half of his outfield players are doubtful.

Chelsea, the most successful of the first division newcomers this year, are expected to replace the injured McAllister with Canoville at West Ham United. Their surprising rise to second place has been based on their performance at Stamford Bridge, where they have won all but one of their 11 fixtures.

Yet West Ham, two points behind them, are equally inhospitable hosts. They have not lost at Upton Park since their opening appearance there, against Luton Town on August 24.

Liverpool, who were beaten seven times in 1985, have lost twice this month. Kenny Dalglish's lone problem, apart from convincing himself that he should play an active role, is the fitness of McMahon. Sheffield Wednesday are not so fortunate. Sterland returns from suspension but five others could be ruled out by injury.

The weather remains a serious threat to many fixtures, particularly in the North and even as far south as Ipswich Town.

1985 first division table

Curr pos	1984 pos		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
3	1	Everton	44	29	6	9	85	45	93
4	7	Liverpool	44	26	11	7	87	37	89
1	3	Manchester U	43	25	9	9	73	35	84
2	–	Chelsea	43	24	9	10	63	43	81
6	–	Sheffield Wed	44	20	12	12	61	50	72
8	18	Luton	44	20	11	13	69	47	71
9	5	Tottenham	43	20	8	15	72	57	68
7	6	Arsenal	43	19	11	13	47	47	68
5	14	West Ham	43	18	11	14	60	57	65
10	4	Nottingham F	44	18	8	18	56	51	62
13	2	Southampton	43	17	10	16	58	55	61
11	–	Newcastle	43	18	13	14	62	60	61
12	10	Watford	43	16	11	16	77	69	59
17	19	Coventry	43	15	7	20	53	57	55
15	13	Aston Villa	44	14	12	18	60	69	54
14	8	QPR	43	15	6	22	47	65	51
20	17	Ipswich	44	14	8	22	46	62	50
16	11	Leicester	44	13	9	22	58	73	48
22	9	West Brom	44	5	9	27	45	87	33

● *The table excludes the clubs that were relegated and promoted during the year.*



Dalglish: one of Scotland's greatest footballers

Dalglish's £300,000 testimonial year

Kenny Dalglish will make British sporting history in 1986 by becoming the first person to receive £250,000 from a testimonial year. Liverpool's player-manager is to be honoured with a match at Hampden Park between home-based Scottish internationals and a team of Anglos.

Dalglish will also be the guest of honour at dinners in Glasgow, Edinburgh and Aberdeen in tribute to one of Scotland's greatest footballers.

Alex Ferguson, the Aberdeen and Scotland manager, will take charge of the home-based selection and Tommy Docherty, a former Scotland manager, will take charge of the Anglos, who will include Dalglish.

Such is Dalglish's popularity in his native Scotland that Hampden Park could be filled to its capacity of 73,000 and especially as his organizing committee hope to play the game on a Sunday afternoon just before the World Cup finals in Mexico.

That occasion alone could net Dalglish £250,0000, with another possible £50,000 in the pipeline from the dinners. This would put him well ahead of the field in the financial stakes. Geoff Boycott, the England cricketer, earned around £150,000 in his benefit year – the highest figure so far for a sportsman in Britain – and John Greig, the former Rangers manager, picked up £70,000 from his testimonial and Jock Stein around £60,000 when he left Celtic.

Tommy Meehan, the chairman of Dalglish's testimonial committee, said: "We are confident this will be a testimonial of outstanding quality and a more than adequate tribute to a player who is one of Scotland's finest footballers and ambassadors."

In Glasgow yesterday to launch his testimonial year, Dalglish stressed that "finance is not paramount" in a season which should see him reach his 100th cap for Scotland and possibly compete in the World Cup finals for the fourth successive time.

Real Madrid recover in style

WORLD FOOTBALL
Brian Glanville

While French, Italian and West German League football went into hibernation, the Spaniards played and Real Madrid stayed at the head of the Championship at the turn of the year. Yet at half-time they were a goal behind to modest Betis Seville, for whom the Argentine centre forward Calderon had scored in the 41st minute.

In the second half Real swept Betis aside. Michel scored a fulminating equaliser from over 35 yards, another long range shot from the international sweeper, the blond Maceda, gave Real the lead, and the defender Chendo laid on other goals for strikers, Valdano and Santillana, who must still have dreams of the coming World Cup.

Terry Venables's Barcelona did manage to win at home this Sunday against Racing Santander, another far from famous team, but their goals came only in the last 10 minutes. Yet another long shot, this one by the stocky Spanish international midfield player, Caldera, broke the deadlock. Then Carrasco, the international winger, got another.

Will Schuster maintain his attempt to become a Spanish international? Will this definitely keep him out of West Germany's team for the World Cup? At least he did play the whole game on Sunday after being substituted the previous Sunday in the derby against Español, the first time in his career at Barcelona that he has been taken off for any reason other than injury.

A great surprise was the defeat in Seville of Atletico Madrid, after 11 weeks without a loss. Marina did equalise Alvarez's glorious fourth minute goal, but Francisco Lopez headed a splendid winner.

In an extraordinary counter coup, the mayor of Toulon, François Trucy, has overruled the club's president, Jean Leterreux, at present on holiday, and re-installed Toulon's manager, Christian Dalger dismissed only last Friday. Dalger is now due to be in charge for the rest of the season provided Trucy is not overruled in his turn when he meets the directors on Thursday.

Last Saturday night, Leterreux was in fact outvoted by the rest of his board but refused to accept the decision because, he said, not every member was there. Dalger, once a French international right winger, had been superseded by a former Toulon player in Paul Orsatti.

Will Brazil decide to base their World Cup team on the Sao Paolo club and make their manager, Cilinho, its mentor? His name has already been bruited as a possible team manager, and now that Sao Paolo have won the State Championship, now that Falcao has been accepted by Cilinho and is a controlling influence in midfield, the idea must become increasingly attractive.

Not least because three of the most gifted members of the Brazil team which recently won the world youth title in Moscow are playing splendidly for Sao Paolo; Muller, the attacking midfield player with the hard left footed shot, Silas, the creative inside forward (Brazil, who invented 4–2–4, still use the differentiating term) who was named best player of the youth tournament, and is now 19, Sidnei, a 22-year-old left winger.

Next Monday in Rome, the Deputy Public procurator resumes his investigation of the Roma–Viola–Vantrot case, Senator Viola, the Roma president, fully admits handing 100 million lire to a third party to bribe Vantrot, the French referee of the Roma v Dundee United second leg European Cup semi-final of April, 1984. Viola says he paid the money, in an attempt to find the identity of a mysterious "Mr Big".

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PFA want to bring in 'sin bins'

"Sin Bins" and a return to an appeals system for sendings-off are among the items PFA officials will raise at a meeting with referees, managers and Football League representatives next week. The players' representatives will also ask whether a rugby-style 10-yards concession for dissent and encroachment is possible.

The meeting is given added impetus by the recent spate of sendings-off and bookings. Gordon Taylor, the PFA secretary, said yesterday. "We are very concerned about the way things are going. There seems to be little consistency between referees and linesmen, some bad judgement and little use made of captains as a link between players and officials during a match."

A series of pre-season meetings between players and officials were intended to improve matters. "Instead, the end product has been an alarming rise in bookings and dismissals," added Taylor. "The players know people leap in and blame them but really they feel officials often act too quickly. Even people who do not normally get involved in such comments are telling us they are concerned about the inconsistency.

"We are getting to a stage where the players feel we have to look at different methods.

"These would need FIFA approval, but on the home front we may have to look at changing the disciplinary points for certain offences and also reintroduce an appeal systemm." At present the only appeal is for "mistaken identity" and Danny Wallace, Southampton's black striker, was cleared only last week after proving he had been mistaken for his white team-mate Jimmy Case.

Revolution takes back seat on derby day

By Hugh Taylor

Thoughts of an impending revolution by the leading clubs may be clouding official minds today but Scotland's football supporters are little concerned with such weighty matters as they await what should be one of the most exciting New Year programmes the premier division has known. As the competition has never been more open, big crowds are expected at the local derbies.

As always, the match between the Old Firm will attract the largest attendance. Even if Celtic and Rangers have been stuttering, their clash will be as enthralling as ever. With home advantage, Celtic start favourites and, as Paul McStay has regained international form, they are playing with more confidence than Rangers.

But nothing pulls out that extra ounce of determination from Jock Wallace's faltering side than the sight of a green-and-white jersey and no Scottish neutral is ever foolish enough to forecast a result, no matter how well or badly the old enemies are performing.

There is fresh significance about the Edinburgh derby at Tynecastle between Heart of Midlothian and Hibernian. Hearts are perched at the top of the table and Hibs have shown more than a few signs of becoming a force again. It should be an attractive match if the teams play with the composure that has been their trade mark in recent weeks.

Aberdeen, the champions, have slipped and they cannot be looking forward to their trip to Dens Park. Not only is their away record deplorable, they will face a rejuvenated Dundee, who have found new fire and were unlucky only to draw with their Tayside rivals, Dundee United, last weekend.

While United's championship challenge was interrupted by that hiccup at Tannadice, they should be too powerful for Motherwell at Fir Park and St Mirren should beat Clydebank at Paisley.

It seems there is little hope of a compromise between the nine clubs who are threatening to break from the League. Jim Farry, the League secretary, said yesterday that the management committee would not discuss recent developments before a meeting on January 15.

The clubs say they are determined to dissociate themselves from the League and have begun to prepare a constitution and rules governing the formation of a new body. They hope to be ready to start next season.

United to visit Swansea on deadline day

Manchester United have thrown Swansea city a financial lifeline by agreeing to play a fund-raising friendly at the Vetch Field on January 13, the day the three-week stay of execution which the Welsh club were granted after being wound up in the High Court, expires.

The receipts from United's visit could make the difference between life and death for Swansea, who need to raise more than £700,000 if they are to be relaunched as a new company.

Although Swansea failed to fulfil their fixture against Walsall the day after the winding-up was issued, they have staved off expulsion from the Football League by taking part in Christmas games against Cardiff and Plymouth, losing both.

United could take the opportunity to recall the England captain Bryan Robson, who has been restricted to 14 minutes football since damaging a hamstring in the World Cup qualifier against Turkey at Wembley in October.

Aston Villa give trial to Danish midfield player

Kurt Bakholt, a Danish under 21 international midfield player, is to join Aston Villa on trial. Villa's manager, Graham Turner, said yesterday that terms had been discussed with his Danish club, Vejle, with a view to a transfer.

Turner said: "We have telexed the Danish FA about his international clearance and, if we are interested, it's even possible we can play him on a loan basis." Bakholt recently spent four weeks in Spain, training with Hercules of Alicante and Gijon.

Bakholt, aged 21, arrives in England on New Year's Day for an unlimited period. "We are in competition with the Spanish clubs but have the advantage that he wants to play in England," Turner said.

● Tommy Christensen, the Danish international striker, has been given another month to prove himself at Portsmouth. Christensen completed a month on trial on the injured list and Portsmouth's manager, Alan Ball, said: "He scored two goals in three matches and then damaged his ribs. It's only fair we give him a little longer to show what he can do for us."

● Bob Latchford is to be allowed to leave Lincoln City if he can find a club nearer his Swansea home. A proposed move to Belgium fell through last week, but Latchford, who joined Lincoln in the close season on a free transfer from Coventry, now has an agreement that the third division club will release him if he can negotiate a move to a team nearer his South Wales base. Lincoln's full back, Steve Collins, has joined Peterborough, the club with whom he began his league career, on a month's loan with a view to a permanent move.

● Sunderland are ready to listen to offers for their forward, Dave Swindlehurst, who has not been able to settle in the north-east since his £80,000 move from West Ham at the start of the season. Swindlehurst has scored only five goals in 26 league and cup appearances for Sunderland.

Kick-off switch at Brentford

Brentford have switched the kick-off time for their third division match with Notts County tomorrow from 11.00am to 3.00pm.

The two Milk Cup quarter-final ties scheduled for Tuesday, January 14 have been switched to the following night. They are between Queen's Park Rangers and Chelsea and Liverpool and Ipswich Town. All four quarter-final matches will now be played on January 15.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

BASEBALL: Crystal Palace: World Invitation Club Championships: Seniorcup: 2.0: Sharp Manchester United v Solna (Swe); 3.30: Manchester Giants v Landis Gyr (Austria); 6.45: Team Polycell Kingston v Montalbano (Bri); 8.30: Crystal Palace v Maxwell Oil (US).
FOOTBALL: FA Trophy: 23rd round: Postponed: Bangor City v Wrexham (new date, Jan 6, 7.30).
HOCKEY: Provincial Leisure Centre: Women's Stanley and Mens Territorial Tournament: 9.30: Midlands v East: 11.15: South v West: 1.0: North v Midlands.
RACKETS: Gibson's Club: Open U24 Singles & Doubles.
REAL TENNIS: Queen's Club: Open U24 Singles & Doubles.
TENNIS: Queen's Club: Prudential junior covered courts championships.

Tomorrow's fixtures, page 22

FIXTURES AND FORECASTS — Paul Newman

Saturday, January 4 unless stated

FA CUP THIRD ROUND
2 Birmingham v Altrincham
2 Carlisle v QPR
X Coventry v Watford
X Frickley v Rotherham
2 Grimsby v Arsenal
1 Huddersfield v Reading
1 Hull v Plymouth
1 Ipswich v Bradford
1 Middlesbro v Soton
X Millwall v Wimbledon
1 Newcastle v Brighton
1 Nottingham F v Blackburn
X Oxford v Tottenham
2 Peterboro v Leeds
X Portsmouth v A Villa
2 Shrewsbury v Chelsea
1 York v Wycombe
Not on coupons: Bristol Rovers v Leicester; Bury v Barnsley; Charlton v West Ham (Sunday); Crystal Palace v Luton; Everton v Exeter (Sunday); Gillingham v Derby; Liverpool v Norwich; Manchester United v Rochdale; Oldham v Orient; Sheffield Wednesday v WBA; Sheffield Utded v Fulham; Stoke v Notts Co (Sunday); Sunderland v Newport; Walsall v Manchester City; Wigan v Bournemouth.

THIRD DIVISION
1 Blackpool v Lincoln
X Cardiff v Brentford
Not on coupons: Bristol City v Doncaster; Darlington v Wolves (Sunday).

FOURTH DIVISION
1 Halifax v Crewe
Not on coupons: Colchester v Hereford (Friday); Southend v Burnley (Friday); Mansfield v Hartlepool (Sunday); Port Vale v Preston; Scunthorpe v Northampton; Tranmere v Swindon.

GOLA LEAGUE
1 Bath v Maidstone
1 Cheltenham v Northwich
X Dartford v Barnet
1 Enfield v Stafford
1 Kettering v Scarboro
1 Runcorn v Barrow
1 Weymouth v Kidderminster

MULTIPART LEAGUE
2 Bangor v Worksop
X Buxton v Workington
X Chorley v Burton
1 Gateshead v Caernarfon
1 Marine v Horwich
1 Morecambe v Matlock
1 Moseley v S Liverpool
2 Rhyl v Macclesfield
1 Southport v Goole
2 Wilton v Hyde

SOUTHERN PREMIER
1 Corby v Alvechurch
2 Dudley v Crawley
2 Fisher v Welling

SCOTTISH PREMIER
1 Aberdeen v St Mirren
1 Dundee U v Celtic
1 Hibernian v Clydebank
1 Motherwell v Hearts
X Rangers v Dundee

SCOTTISH FIRST
X Airdrie v Alloa
X Brechin v Hamilton
1 Clyde v East Fife
1 Falkirk v Ayr X
Kilmarnock v Forfar
1 Montrose v Morton
2 Partick v Dumbarton

SCOTTISH SECOND
Not on coupons: Queen of the South v E Stirling.

SCOTTISH CUP SECOND ROUND
2 Ft William v Stirling
2 Peterhead v Arbroath
1 Queen's Park v Alloa
Not on coupons: Hawick RA v St Johnstone; Nairn Co v Meadowbank; Stenhousemuir v Whitehill; Stranraer v Berwick; Threave v Dunfermline.

HOMES: Ipswich, Nottingham Forest, York, Blackpool, Enfield, Nuneaton, Weymouth, Gateshead, Morecambe, Southport, Aberdeen, Dundee U, Celtic, Hearts, Queen's Park.
FRED GEORGE: Homes: Nottingham Forest, Everton, Manchester United, Port Vale, Aberdeen, Celtic, Chelsea. Aways: Altrincham, Hearts. Draws: Coventry, Millwall, Portsmouth.
TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Coventry, Frickley, Millwall, Oxford, Portsmouth, Cardiff, Dartford, Buxton, Chorley, Rangers, Airdrie, Brechin.
BEST DRAWS: Coventry, Millwall, Portsmouth, Dartford, Buxton.
AWAYS: Chelsea, Crawley, Hearts, Stirling, Arbroath.

BOXING

Graham on home ground

Herol Graham will challenge for the European middleweight title in his own home town, Sheffield, on February 5. Graham meets Ayub Kalule, an African with Danish residential qualifications, who won the title after the European Boxing Union stripped Tony Sibson for failing to defend inside the time limit.

Kalule, a former world light-middleweight champion, recently made a successful first defence in Italy with a last round rally which gave him a split points decision. "This is no walk-over for Graham," Mike Barrett the promoter said yesterday. "It is a tough fight. Kalule is obviously in good form as he showed by winning in Italy, where it is always hard."

The contest was originally expected to take place in Belfast, where Graham is now managed by Barney Eastwood. But now it has been switched to Graham's advantage for he has always boxed with great confidence in Sheffield.

● The British light-middleweight championship fight between Prince Rodney (Huddersfield), the holder, and Leicester's Chris Pyatt, goes on at the Royal Albert Hall, London, on February 19. Mark Kaylor will top the bill against an opponent to be named.

IN BRIEF

Deadly downhill course awaits Müller

Schladming, Austria (Reuter) – Peter Mueller of Switzerland sets out to extend his lead in the men's World Cup downhill skiing contest on an icy, technically-demanding course here today.

Mueller came first in practice on Saturday, but Schladming lived up to its reputation for unreliable conditions with snow and rain that ruled out practice on Monday. A storm was predicted for today.

ICE HOCKEY: The Soviet Union's Red Army side stumped to the first defeat of their North American tour when they were crushed 5-1 by the Quebec Nordiques. Three goals from Michel Goulet helped the Nordiques put their recent poor form behind them in front of a crowd of over 15,000.

ATHLETICS: the Olympic 10,000 metres finalist, Christoph Herle of West Germany and the Portuguese girl, Rosa Mota will attempt to maintain Europe's domination of South America's most prestigious road race tonight, the Sao Paulo round-the-houses event. Mota and her compatriot, Carlos Lopes, the marathon world record holder, and Olympic champion, who is not competing this time, swept to emphatic victories in the 12.6km race last year.

FOR THE RECORD

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National Hockey League (NHL): Edmonton Oilers 5, Vancouver Canucks 3; Hartford Whalers 5, Detroit Red Wings 2; Buffalo Sabres 4, New York Islanders 3; New York Rangers 6, Washington Capitals 5; Chicago Black Hawks 4, Boston Bruins 3.

WALES CONFERENCE

Patrick Division	W	L	TPts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	28	9	0 56	172	113
Washington	21	10	4 46	141	118
NY Islanders	14	13	9 37	138	135
NY Rangers	17	19	2 36	135	131
Pittsburgh	15	19	4 34	137	135
NJ Devils	13	21	1 27	131	160
Adams Division					
Montreal	19	12	4 42	159	127
Boston	17	13	6 40	136	122
Hartford	19	15	1 39	145	139
Quebec	18	15	2 38	139	119
Buffalo	18	18	2 38	134	121

CAMPBELL CONFERENCE

Norris Division					
St Louis	18	13	4 36	127	129
Chicago	15	15	4 34	151	166
Minnesota	12	18	7 31	145	138
Toronto	9	20	5 23	128	154
Detroit	8	23	4 20	114	156
Smythe Division					
Edmonton	25	7	4 54	194	144
Calgary	17	14	3 37	147	124
Vancouvers	13	21	4 30	141	162
Winnipeg	12	23	4 28	143	165
LA Kings	9	21	4 22	116	174

WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (in Ontario): Canada 18, West Germany 2; Soviet Union 5, Sweden 1; United States 5, Czechoslovakia 2; Finland 9, Switzerland 2; Canada 5, United States 2; Finland 7, West Germany 2; Soviet Union 7, Switzerland 3; Sweden 3, Czechoslovakia 2.

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Canada	3	3	0	35	5	6
USSR	3	3	0	20	7	6
Finland	3	2	1	16	6	4
Sweden	3	2	1	11	10	4
Czechoslovakia	3	1	2	13	12	2
USA	3	1	2	10	14	2
Switzerland	3	0	3	6	28	0
W Germany	3	0	3	7	34	0

TOUR MATCHES: Edmonton Oilers 3, CSKA Moscow 6; Quebec Nordiques 5, CSKA Moscow 6; Calgary Flames 4, Dynamo Moscow 3.
CANADA CUP: (in Copenhagen) Denmark 3, Yugoslavia 2; Hungary 8, Norway 2; Yugoslavia 5, Hungary 1; Norway 5, Denmark 3. Final positions: 1, Yugoslavia; 2, Hungary; 3, Norway; 4, Denmark.
EUROPEAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP: Pool C (Barcelona): Spain 3, Britain 6.

TABLE TENNIS

HALEX NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Omega 7, Omega Seconds 1; Bath Toyota 3, Omega 5; Grove 2, GKN Steel Stock 6. Final division: Ormesby Seconds 4, Tibhar Lasiness 4; Salford Target Gold 5, Aimsworth St Neots 3.

HOCKEY

SAINT–GERVAIS: International tournament: Austria 8, Romania 0; France 2, Austria 7.

BASKETBALL

United States: National Basketball Association (NBA): Golden State Warriors 130, Los Angeles Lakers 122.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	22	7	.759	–
Philadelphia	18	12	.600	4½
New Jersey	19	13	.594	4½
Washington	15	14	.517	7
New York	11	20	.355	12
Central Division				
Milwaukee	24	12	.636	–
Atlanta	15	15	.500	4½
Detroit	15	16	.484	5
Cleveland	14	17	.452	6
Chicago	12	21	.364	9
Indiana	8	21	.276	11

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	20	11	.645	–
San Antonio	18	12	.613	1
Denver	18	12	.600	1½
Utah	16	16	.500	4½
Dallas	14	15	.483	5
Sacramento	9	21	.300	10½
Pacific Division				
LA Lakers	25	5	.833	–
Portland	19	15	.559	8
Seattle	12	19	.387	13½
LA Clippers	11	20	.355	14½
Phoenix	10	19	.345	14½
Golden State	12	22	.353	15

BRACKNELL TOURNAMENT: Semi-finals: Spartings Solent Stars 78, Montalbano (Bri) 112; Happy Eater Bracknell 83, Marathon Oil (US) 102.
First division

	P	W	L	Pts
Kingston	16	14	2	28
Portsmouth	12	11	1	22
Man United	14	11	3	22
Man Giants	15	11	4	22
Crystal Palace	16	10	6	19*
Leicester	15	9	6	18
Birmingham	16	9	7	18
Hamel/Watford	17	8	9	16
Solent	16	7	9	14
Bracknell	14	6	8	12
Worthing	15	6	8	12
Uxbridge	14	5	9	10
Sunderland	17	5	12	10
Tynedale	15	1	14	2
Bolton	16	1	15	2

*point deducted for fielding an ineligible player

ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: Group A (Kuala Lumpur): Thailand 100, Indonesia 71. Group B (Ipoh): Japan 83, Jordan 30; Group C (Penang): Taiwan 107, Singapore 66.

PARIS: Christmas tournament: France 92 (Dubuisson 23, Ostrowski 21), Czechoslovakia 90 (Havlik 23, Krejci 19); Soviet Union 111 (Gabarda 22, Khomicus 20), United States All Stars 92 (Davis 27, Caldwell 17). Final: Soviet Union 110 (Sabonis 35, Kurtinaitis 22, Khomichous 14), France 103 (Ostrowski 21, Dubuisson 18, Szanyiel 18, Hufnagel 14). Third place play-off: United States All Stars 74 (Neely 15, Caldwell 14, Williams 13), Czechoslovakia 69 (Havlik 15, Brabenec 13, Krejci 10).

CYCLING

COLOGNE: Six-day race: Leading positions: 1, D Clark (Aus) and A Doyle (GB) 50pts; 2, R and S Hermann (Liech) 57; 3, S Tourne and E de Wilde (Bel) 41.

TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Prudential British junior covered court championships: Girls singles: First round: L Jefferies bt N Topper 6–1, 2–6, 6–3; S Armitage bt C Bowen 7–6, 6–1; C Bhagaundas bt K Howden 6–2, 6–3; S Smith bt N Embrect 7–6, 6–0; K Hand bt V Sims 6–1, 6–3; S Timms bt V Walt 6–3, 6–1; A Randall bt S Eid 6–4, 6–4; A Fleming bt A Hill 7–5, 6–4; J Donovan bt S Ambrose 6–3, 6–1; S Loosemore bt L Stern 6–2, 6–2; K Hunter bt A Tate 6–0, 6–1; A Gregory bt C Tee 6–2, 6–4.
Boys singles: First round: G Spalding bt U Nganga 6–4, 6–2; M Syms bt C Wilkinson 3–6, 6–2, 6–1; J Hunter bt D Drake 6–3, 6–4; C Bailey bt T Moylan 6–3, 6–5, 7–5; P Wright bt J Ranson 6–3, 6–7, 6–1; A Hunting bt N Mansell 6–7, 6–4, 6–1; C Miller bt S Cornish 6–4, 6–4; R Hutchinson bt D Coull 6–4, 6–4; J Routledge bt M Loosemore 6–7, 6–2, 6–4; M Peachey bt G Drake 6–4, 6–2; V Ranson bt S Turnsek 6–3, 7–5.

FOOTBALL

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Benfica 1, Boavista 0; Salgueiros 2, Sporting 2; Covilha 2, Porto 0; Guimaraes 3, Portimonense 0; Penafiel 0, Belenenses 0; Chaves 1, Braga 1; Aveo 2, Academica 1; Setubal 4, Maritimo 2.
1, Benfica, 24pts; 2, Sporting, 23; 3, Guimaraes, 22.
SPANISH LEAGUE: Athletic Bilbao 2, Osasuna Pamplone 0; Sevilla 2, Atletico Madrid 1; Hercules Alicante 2, Real Zaragoza 2; Barcelona 2, Racing Santander 0; Cadiz 2, Espanol 0; Real Valladolid 3, Valencia 3; Real Madrid 4, Real Betis 1; Celta Vigo 1, Real Sociedad 3; Sporting Gijon 1, Las Palmas 0.
Leading positions: 1, Real Madrid, 29pts; 2, Barcelona, 26; 3, Sporting, 24.

BOWLS

TEESSIDE: Cleveland McEwen's Women's Masters: Final: M Shaw 15, B Alderson 8. Third place play-off: V Branson 15, F McKenna 8. Fifth place play-off: S Gourley 15, N Stirling 13. Seventh place play-off: B Stubbings 15, E Connell 2.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

UNITED STATES: National Football League (NFL): Play-offs, first round: Saturday: New England 26, New York Jets 14. Saturday: New York Giants 17, San Francisco 3.

SKI JUMPING

Leading placings: 90-metre World Cup event (first of four Hills series): 1, P Suoros (Fin), 212.8 pts (jumps of 114 and 113m); 2, E Nikkelsenther (Austria), 210.0 (105.5 and 113); 3, P Piles (Pol), 208.1 (110 and 114); 4, E Yetlori (Austria), 204.8 (116 and 103.5); 5, H Ryiau (Can), 204.7 (112 and 108); 6, A Nemmen (Fin), 203.7 (106 and 114.5).
WORLD CUP (after six events): Leading positions: 1, Suoros, 82 pts; 2, Neutsenbner, 76; 3, P Uloga (Yugo), 72; 4, Opsee, 68; 5, Vetlori, 58; 6, Piles, 44.

YACHTING

Britain victorious in Southern Cross after anxious finish

From John Roberson
Hobart

Despite frustrating calms only 12 miles from the finishing line, the British team confirmed their victory yesterday in the Southern Cross Cup when Highland Fling and Cifraline III finished eighth and tenth on handicap in the Sydney to Hobart race. This gave them a winning margin of nearly 300 points over the New Zealand B team.

The British team effort is particularly rewarding when one considers that only two of the three yacht teams finished this quintuple points scoring final race of the series. The victory is also a triumph for a new generation of British ocean racers and charterers. Irvine Laidlaw and Peter Whipp, the owners of Highland Fling and Panda, and Chris Griffiths, the charterer of Cifraline III are all under 40 years old.

Whipp, the team champion, has an ocean racing history that goes back about seven years. Laidlaw, a Hong Kong based expatriate, has been in one previous Southern Cross Cup, and two Admiral's Cup campaigns. Griffiths, a 38-year-old engineer is new to the scene and he is another expatriate based in Singapore. He has recently sold his business in Singapore and is bringing a breath of fresh air to the ocean racing scene as an organizer.

The two British yachts finished the race seven minutes apart shortly after two o'clock yesterday afternoon, and when they made fast into Constitution Dock, Hobart, they were greeted by Peter Whipp whose smile grew ever wider at the realisation that his team had won.

Hobart (Reuter) – A committee will decide the result of the Sydney to Hobart yacht race after an official protest was lodged late last night by second-placed Sagacious.

News of the protest was received a few minutes after race officials had declared the New South Wales yacht Drake's Prayer the provisional winner on corrected time.

Sagacious cited Drake's Prayer and Syd Fischer's maxi yacht Ragamuffin in its protest over international yacht racing rule 35 concerning luffing, a turning manoeuvre.

The British win went some way towards alleviating his own disappointment at not finishing the race. It was only after the yachts had docked that it became obvious how close they had come to not finishing at all.

On Highland Fling they had suffered delamination problems in the bow, and it had been necessary to cut up the spare spinnaker pole and use it to shore up the hull. Cifraline also had delamination trouble, but not sufficiently bad to require temporary repairing or shoring up.

The closing stages of the race were an anxious time. In the early hours of yesterday morning both yachts had reached the entrance to the Derwent River, and it was possible that one of them would win the race on handicap. An ebb tide and lack of wind, however, halted their progress while the remainder of the fleet caught up with them.

RESULTS: 1, Britain 2191 pts; 2, New Zealand B 1913; 3, New South Wales, 1872.

Winds slow progress of leaders

By Barry Pickthall

The light northerly airstream now centred over the Tasman Sea has slowed the progress of the leading yachts competing in the Whitbread Round the World race and as the average speed set by the two maxis. NZI Enterprise and Atlantic Privateer, dropped to eight knots yesterday as they vied for the lead within 500 miles of the second stage finish in Auckland, those astern have been given the chance to narrow the gap.

Among those to have benfited most from this sudden change in conditions are the smaller yachts still enjoying surfing conditions in the southern ocean south of Australia, a fact reflected in the latest handicap positions yesterday with Philips Innovator, L'Esprit d'Equipe, Equity and Law, Rucanor Trisiar and Fazer Finland pushing the maxis out of the frame for the first time since the fleet left Cape Town in November.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 08.30 GMT yesterday):1, NZI Enterprise (D Taylor, NZ) 558 miles from Auckland; 2, Atlantic Privateer (P Kuttel, US) 580; 3, UBS Switzerland (P Fehlmann, Switz) 594; 4, Drum (R Novak, UK) 773; 5 Lion New Zealand (P Blake, NZ) 857.
Leading on handicap: 1, Philips Innovator (D Nauta, Neth); 2, L'Esprit d'Equipe (L Pean, Fr); 3, Equity and Law (T van der Lugt, Neth); 4, Rucanor Trisiar (G Versleys, Bel); 5, Fazer Finland (M Bernar, Fin).

New series

The Royal Cork Yacht Club has announced a new series to be called the European Off-shore Team Championships. The four-race series, to be held during Cork week (July 15-18), is for three-boat teams for yachts rating IOR 23-35 foot. Th four-race series will consist of one harbour and three Olympic races.

Courageous loses mast during trials

From Keith Wheatley
Perth

Courageous, the successful defender of the America's Cup in 1974 and 1977, became the first serious casualty of the new 12-metre trialling season. Her aluminum mast snapped in 25-knot winds off Fremantle yesterday.

In the eight-mile tow back to the dock, the boat's mainsail as shredded into rags. It was only the third day of training in Australian waters for the US Yale Corinthian syndicate which owns Courageous.

The syndicate's operations director, Chuck Wilson, said "

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CHELTENHAM (BBC)

Televised: (BBC2) 12.45, 1.20, 1.55, 2.30

GOING: *soft (3.30pm inspection)*

12.15 MALVERN NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £2,089: 2m 4f) (16 runners)

102	042-211	MASTER BOB (D) (E Wills) N Henderson 8-11-9	J White
103	420-11	TEN PLUS (C,D) (L Thwaites) F Walwyn 5-11-8	K Mooney
104	2200-10	PREACHER'S GEM (D,B) (BF) (G Bloxham) K Bailey 7-11-3	–
105	00	BMSSUN (J Horn) D Nicholson 5-11-0	P Scudamore
106	0	CAPTAIN JERRY (Mrs P Sly) Mrs P Sly 5-11-0	M Blastard
107	02	CHIEF IRONSIDE (N Jean J Gifford 6-11-0	R Rowe
108	4000-3	CONNAUGHT CLEANERS (C Southerton) C Miller 5-11-0	G Mernagh
109	0003-03	COOL SUN (BF) (L Hamilton) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-0	–
110	0-09	CORN MERCHANT (P Hopper) S Harris 5-11-0	C Brown
112	0	HALMAJOR (BF) (G Schjelderup) G Balding 5-11-0	T Prick
113	1211-04	HASTY GAMBLE (L Connell) F Winter 6-11-0	Bo de Haan
114	003	INDIAN RANGE (Mrs L Sewell) Mrs M Rimell 6-11-0	G McCourt
115	0040-3	MISSING MAN (Mrs L Simpson) J Gifford 6-11-0	A Doyle 7
120	0-30222	SAINT ACTON (E Weinstein) A Jarvis 5-11-0	K Burke 7
121		SPECIAL GIFT (Mrs S Rodwell) S Christian 6-11-0	R Beggan
123	0/220-4	TOUR DE FORCE (Mrs D Strauss) P Makin 6-11-0	Steve Knight
125	0-0	WOODLEIGH PRINCE (A Bailey) C Trietline 5-11-0	A Sharpe
126	0	GILLOGUE BRIDGE (Mrs J George) J George 6-10-9	Mr L Harvey 7

1985: (2m) Ten Of Spades 5-10-10 G Charles-Jones (4-5 fav) S Mellor 12 ran

11-8 Ten Plus, 11-4 Master Bob, 6 Chief Ironside, 7 Cool Sun, 8 Hasty Gamble, 14 others.

FORM: **MASTER BOB** (10-12) beat *Shepherd's Hymn* (10-10) ¾l at Leicester (2m 4f H'cap Hdle, £1142, good to soft, Dec 15, 22 ran). **TEN PLUS** (11-6) easy 10l winner from **CHIEF IRONSIDE** (11-0) at Cheltenham (2m 4f Nov Hdle, £1699, soft, Dec 6, 16 ran). **PREACHER'S GEM** (11-5) distant 7th Pinsplica Mess (10-12) at Huntingdon; earlier (10-9) beat *Dutch Lord* (11-7) 2½l at Haydock (2m 4f Nov Hdle, £1143, good, Nov 20, 16 ran). **HASTY GAMBLE** (11-0) not disgraced when 25l 4th to Wafty-Fryer (11-0) at Sandown (2m Nov Hdle, £3177, good to firm, Nov 29, 16 ran). **SAINT ACTON** (10-7) caught on line when a short head 2nd to *Kouros* (10-7)h at Nottingham (2m Nov Hdle, £773, good to soft, Dec 2, 22 ran).
Selection: TEN PLUS.

Cheltenham selections

By Mandarin

12.15 Ten Plus. 12.45 The Footman. 1.20 DEEP IMPRESSION (nap). 1.55 Tom Sharp. 2.30 The Tsarevich. 3.5 Glyde Court. 3.40 Pike's Peak.

By Michael Seely

12.15 Ten Plus. 1.55 TOM SHARP (nap). 3.40 Pike's Peak.

12.45 STEEL PLATE TRIAL HURDLE (4-y-o: £4,188: 2m) (13)

201	120	NORSTOWN (D) (Mrs A Sims) R Holder 11-7	–
202	201	THE FOOTMAN (D) (P Powell) D Elsworth 11-7	G Bradley
203	11113	HONEYMAN (D,B) (BF) (Mrs J Nicolaides) M Pipe 11-3	P Leach
204		ARTAJUS MEAD (F Smith) R Hollinshead 11-0	J J O'Neill
205	4	BENDICKS (C Harper) D Elsworth 11-0	C Brown
206	03	CHRISTIAN SCHAD (G Keary) R Holder 11-0	N Coleman
207	0	FRED THE TREAD (G Greenwood) A Turnell 11-0	Steve Knight
210	0	SKYLARK WONDER (A Hunt) D Elsworth 11-0	–
212	02	STEERPIKE (G Sumner) P Cundell 11-0	A Gorman
213	0	TANGOGNAT (T Stafford) R Simpson 11-0	–
214		TROJAN PRINCE (R Walton) Mrs M Rimell 11-0	G McCourt
216	2	REST (R Richmond-Watson) J Webber 10-9	–
217	22	TSARELLA (BF) (Mrs C Hardy) N Henderson 10-9	J White

1985: Wing And A Prayer 11-7 J Francome (11-10 fav) J Jenkins 7 ran

9-4 Tsarella, 3 Tangognat, 9-2 The Footman, 6 Rest, 8 Bendicks, 12 Honeyman, 16 others.

THE FOOTMAN (11-0) returned to form when beating *Santella Boy* (11-0) 12l at Chepstow (2m Juv Hdle, £6,294, soft, Dec 21, 12 ran). **HONEYMAN** (11-8) 3l 3rd to *Bel Course* (10-12) at Bangor (2m Juv Hdle, £548, good, Oct 19, 12 ran). **TANGOGNAT** (11-0) 9 ½l 6th to *Copse and Robbers* (11-0) with **CHRISTIAN SCHAD** (11-0) back in 7th, Cheltenham (2m Juv Hdle, £4,357, soft Dec 7, 15 ran). *REST (10-9)* ½l 2nd to *Wantage* (11-0) with **CHRISTIAN SCHAD** (11-0) 2 ½l away 3rd, Hereford (2m Juv Hdle, £536, good, Dec 19, 17 ran). **TSARELLA** (10-5) 11 2nd to *Goodmen Folks* (10-10) at Lingfield; earlier (10-9) a neck 2nd to *State Diplomacy* (11-7) with **SKYLARK WONDER** (11-0) *blundering away his chance in 7th*, Newbury (2m Juv Hdle, £1,855, good to firm, Nov 22, 18 ran).
Selection: THE FOOTMAN

1.20 STEEL PLATE & SECTIONS YOUNG CHASERS QUALIFIER (novices: £3,921: 2m) (11)

302	4120/13	SILVER WIND (Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin) Mrs M Rimell 7-11-7	–
303	120/p40	BOARDMANS CROWN (G Salim) J Webber 7-11-3	–
304	0-2-1220	BURANSPOUR (D) (E Weinstein) A Jarvis 6-11-3	T Jarvis 4
305	2320-11	DEEP IMPRESSION (D) (N Mills) N Gaselee 7-11-3	P Scudamore
307	4000-34	GEE–A (G Hubbard) J Gifford 7-11-3	–
308	0C2-140	GLEN ROAD (White Bros Ltd) J Thorne 7-11-3	S Smith Eccles
309	324-201	GRINGO (D Samuel) N Henderson 7-11-7	J White
312	0140-00	OAKLEY HOUSE (Lady Aitken) F Walwyn 7-11-3	S Shilston
313	0-14f	OFFICIAL DRESS (F Parkes) M Oliver 6-11-3	–
314	222p-02	OLYMPIC PRIZE (H Joel) J Gifford 7-11-3 .R Rowe 315	
315	1210-40	SONE MACHINE (W O'Gorman) D Nicholson 7-11-3	–

1985: Destiny Bay 7-11-7 S Smith-Eccles (2-5 fav) N Henderson 3 ran

7-4 Deep Impression, 7-2 Gringo, 5 Olympic Prize, 13-2 Silver Wind, 8 Buranspour, 10 Some Machine, 16 others.

FORM: **SILVER WIND** beaten 25l by *Music Be Magic* last time; previously (10-12) beat *Aramoos* (10-12) 30l at Worcester (2m 4f Nov Ch, £2,820, good to soft, Nov 30, 18 ran). **BURANSPOUR** (10-2) last completed outing when 9l 3rd of 7 to *Premier Charlie* (10-8) at Uttoxeter (2m 4f H'cap Ch, £2,211, soft, Dec 5, 7 ran). **DEEP IMPRESSION** (11-11) a comfortable 7l win from **HIZ** (11-4) at Warwick (2m Nov Ch, £1,472, good to soft, Dec 13, 16 ran). **GRINGO** (10-10) beat *El Scarsdale* (10-6) 20l at *Wolverhampton* on Dec 28 (2m 4f Nov Ch, £2,941, good to firm, 9 ran). **OLYMPIC PRIZE** (11-0) a length 2nd to *Indamelody* (11-0) at Leicester (2m 4f Nov Ch, £1,074, good, Dec 16, 15 ran).
Selection: DEEP IMPRESSION.

1.55 ERNEST JONES DIAMOND HANDICAP HURDLE (£4,188: 2m) (13)

402	0101-22	SAILOR'S DANCE (D) (M Ritzenberg) F Winter 5-11-11	–
404	2000-00	CHARLIE'S COTTAGE (D) (Mrs M Thorne) N Henderson 6-11-1	J White
406	12010-	QUICKSTEP (D,B) (M Pipe) M Pipe 5-10-11	P Leach
408	011114	GOLD TYCOON (C Woolford) J Spearing 7-10-7	P Scudamore
410	1/04-1	TOM SHARP (C) (M Yarrow) W Wharton 6-10-7 (6 ex)	S J O'Neill
411	21300-4	TERRYASH (C,D) (S Brown) W Wharton 7-10-6	–
412	211-003	JACK RAMSEY (D) (L Thwaites) F Walwyn 6-10-4	K Mooney
413	0001-11	HONEYDEW WONDER (K Wheldon) D Elsworth 5-10-1	C Brown
415	30-0200	JADE AND DIAMOND (D) (R Lavelle) G Balding 8-10-0	–
416	1123/00	TENTH OF OCTOBER (D) (T Ferris) S Mellor 7-10-0	G Charles Jones
417	/4130-0	ROYAL BRIGADIER (D) (G Moses) G Balding 8-10-0	R Chapman
418	432-410	TANCRED WALK (D) (K Maile) C Jackson 7-10-0 (6 ex)	–
419	111-310	IRISH HARVEST (D) (R Walton) Mrs M Rimell 5-10-0	G McCourt

1985: No corresponding race

7-2 Tom Sharp, 9-2 Honeydew Wonder, 5 Sailor's Dance, 13-2 Quickstep, 8 Gold Tycoon, Jack Ramsey, 10 Tancred Walk, 12 Terryash, 14 Irish Harvest, 16 others.

FORM: **SAILOR'S DANCE** (11-8) 3½l 3rd to *First Bout* (11-8) at Ascot (2m Hdle, £4,811, good, Dec 14, 7 ran). **TOM SHARP** (10-6) beat *Newlar* (10-8) 3l with **GOLD TYCOON** (10-12) 11l away 4th there (2m 4f H'cap Hdle, £4,435, soft, Dec 7, 18 ran). **TERRYASH** (11-10) slightly backward when 10½l to *Witness Missure* (11-11) at Doncaster; last season (11-8) 12½l 6th to *Harry Hastings* (11-8) at the Festival meeting here, (2m Hdle, £22,080, good, Mar 12, 30 ran). **JACK RAMSEY** (11-1) 5l 3rd to *Gale's Image* (11-1) at Warwick (2m Hdle, £2,062, good, Nov 16, 6 ran). **HONEYDEW WONDER** (11-8) easy 6l winner from **BORDER GEM** (10-10) at Devon (2m 1f H'cap Hdle, £1,828, good to firm, Aug 21).
Selection: TERRYASH

2.30 ERNEST JONES JEWELLERS HANDICAP CHASE (£4,900: 2m 4f) (9)

503	12-1024	THE TSAREVICH (C,D) (Mrs C Henty) N Henderson 10-11-7	J White
505	211-113	KATHIES LAD (C,D) (J Clayton) A Jarvis 9-11-7	S Smith Eccles
507	000-141	CARVED OPAL (D) (Mrs G Abecassis) F Winter 8-11-4 (5 ex)	B De Haan
511	123-344	RYEMAN (C,B) (D Slater) M H Easterby 9-10-4	A Brown
516	02023	RUN TO ME (C,D) (N Mitchell) N Mitchell 11-10-0	Mr T Mitchell 7
517	2p13-C0	CONNAUGHT RIVER (C,D) (Mrs J Mould) D Nicholson 7-10-0	P Scudamore
518	2-0p213	BRIGHT OASSIS (C,D) (Lt Col E Phillips) K Bailey 10-10-0 (5 ex)	–
519	080/022	STRICTLY (D Pitcher) D Pitcher 10-10-0	–
520	20-3210	THE COUNTY STONE (D) (Mrs A Taylor) J Thorne 9-10-0	–

1985: Bright Oassis 9-10-2 P Croucher (5-1) K Bailey 4 ran

2 The Tsarevich, 9-4 Kathies Lad, 7-2 Carved Opal, 4 Ryeman, 14 Run To Me, 16 others.

FORM: **KATHIES LAD** (12-0) 22½l 3rd to *Somerlad* (10-7) with **RYEMAN** (10-11) ¾l away 4th (*Doncaster*, 2m h'cap ch, £10,016, good to firm, Dec 14, 20 ran). **CARVED OPAL** (11-6) beat *Just For The Crack* (11-12) 10l at Wolverhampton; previously (11-0) beat **THE TSAREVICH** (11-12) 1½l at Newbury (2m 4f h'cap ch, £3,324, good to firm, Nov 22, 6 ran). **RUN TO ME** (10-6) 30l 3rd to *Freefavel* (10-3) at Wincanton (3m 1f h'cap ch, £7,???, soft, Dec 26, 9 ran) **BRIGHT OASSIS** (10-0) 8½l 3rd to *Roadster* (10-4) at Kempton (2m 4f h'cap ch, £7,512, soft, Dec 27, 8 ran).
Selection: RYEMAN.

3.5 NORTHLEACH CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,635: 3m 1f) (8)

601	30u9-10	BROOMY BANK (C,D) (Capt J Lumsden) J Edwards 11-11-10	C Cox
602	1p11-4p	GLYDE COURT (C,D) (C Cronin) F Winter 9-11-5	N Fearn
603	422230	ST ALEZAN (C) (Lord Coventry) M Tate 9-10-0	–
604	60-0013	BIG BROWN BEAR (G Barlow) G Barlow 9-10-0	–
605	21p-444	NOTRE CHEVAL (P Hamlyn) S Mellor 7-10-0	G Landau
606	1404-13	LISCONEY HILL (Lord Lurgethmike) T Forster 10-10-0	M Bosley
608	130042	POLAR EXPRESS (T King) W King 11-10-0	C Warren
609	003p-00	SWIFT MESSENGER (Miss B Palmer) R Perkins 7-10-0	P Rutland

1985: Ballyross 14-10-4 P Croucher (7-2) T Forster 4 ran

5-2 Broomy Bank, 3 Big Brown Bear, 4 Glyde Court, 11-2 Lisconey Hill, 8 Polar Express, 10 Notre Cheval, 12 others.

FORM: **BROOMY BANK** (10-1) 8th to *Run And Skip* (10-8) at Chepstow with **GLYDE COURT** (10-1) pulled up earlier (11-7) beat *Charter Party* (11-7) 10l at Worcester (3m 5f hcap ch, £2,600, soft, 9 ran). Previously, **GLYDE COURT** (10-2) 16l 4th to *Galway Blaze* (10-0) at Newbury (3m 2f hcap ch, £17,674, good to firm, Nov 23, 15 ran). **ST ALEZAN** well beaten last of 10 finishers behind *Contracted* at Worcester; previously (10-9) 1 ½l 2nd to *Green Bramble* (12-4) at Warwick (3m hcap ch, £1,348, good, Nov 26, 7 ran). **BIG BROWN BEAR** (10-1) 5 ½l 3rd to *Handy Lad* (10-2) at Heydock (3m 4f hcap ch, £2,834, soft, Dec 12, 10 ran). **NOTRE CHEVAL** (11-7) 47l 4th to *Golden Hornet* (10-3) at Plumpton (3m 1f hcap ch, £1,538, soft, Dec 10, 9 ran).
Selection: GLYDE COURT.

3.40 MALVERN NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £2,131: 2m 4f) (24)

1	32-01	PIKE'S PEAK (D) (Lord Soames) N Henderson 5-11-12	5 Smith Eccles
2	30-12	COTTAGE RUN (Mrs M Rogers) D Nicholson 6-11-8	P Scudamore
3	-2-16	DEEP AND EVEN (BF) (G Brazier) F Winter 8-11-8	–
5	226-41	JAMES MY BOY (D) (Mrs R Dickinson) M Dickinson 8-11-4	P Tuck
6	1p-110	RARE PLEASURE (D) (G Horsford) R Carter 8-11-3	R Beggan
8	1-	AHERLOW (J Curran) S Christian 6-11-0	J White
10	0	DEEP DASH (G Johnson) N Henderson 5-11-0	–
11	00-p	FAIR EXAMINER (W McKenzie-Coles) W McKenzie-Coles 6-11-0	B De Haan
13	13242-0	I'M A DEALER (C Stevens) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-0	–
14	000/23	JIUPANZE (R Brazington) R Brazington 7-11-0	–
15	1-2	LITTLE AND ROYAL (BF) (T Stafford) M Tate 6-11-0	–
17	0-10	MARYLEBONE (Lady Harris) G Balding 7-11-0	C Brown
18	-034	MYNAH KEY (Mrs D Clark) R Perkins 5-11-0	Dai Williams
19	0	NEARLY A MAN (S Farmer) N Mitchell 5-11-0	–
20	022-000	RUPCHA (B) (T Wood) D Sasse 5-11-0	–
21	31-003	SHEER STEEL (Steel Plate & Sections Ltd) P Cundell 6-11-0	A Gorman
22	0034-00	TEN IN HASTE (J Glechanowski) J Glechanowski 6-11-0	–
23	004-	THE SNUFFLER (Mrs J O'Neill) D Murray-Smith 5-11-0	–
24	000-0000	CELTIC DIPPER (B) (A Leighton) A Leighton 5-10-9	–
25	02	CORBITT COINS (BF) (Mrs J Corbett) F Walwyn 5-10-9	K Mooney
26	0-	DEVIL'S GOLD (A Mledzlaki) R Shepherd 5-10-9	Mrs C Smallman
27	p004-9	IVY ROYAL (Mrs P Bomford) P Bomford 7-10-9	–
28	00	SASSIATT (Mrs S Jacobs) S Harris 8-10-9	K Burke
29	p	VULPRO (Mrs H Bare) M McCourt 6-10-9	G McCourt

1985: (2m) Emerald Watson 5-11-0 J Francome (11-8 fav) F Winter 10 ran

9-4 Pike's Peak, 7-2 Cottage Run, 9-2 Deep And Even, 8 Little Royal, Corbitt Coins, 10 Aherlow, 12 I'm A Dealer, 14 others.

FORM: **PIKE'S PEAK** (11-0) beat *Ruststone* (11-0) at Chepstow (2m 4f Nov Hdle, £3598, soft, Dec 21, 20 ran). **COTTAGE RUN** (11-7) 10l 2nd to *Accuracy* (10-8) with **DEEP AND EVEN** (11-7) 4½l away 5th, Newbury (2m Nov Hdle, £2055, good to firm, Nov 23, 11 ran). **JAMES MY BOY** (10-7) beat *Powerful Paddy* (10-7) 8l at Southwell (2m 4f Nov Hdle, £790, heavy, Dec 6, 11 ran). **LITTLE AND ROYAL** (10-12) 3l 2nd to *General Billy* (10-12) at Stratford (2m Nov Hdle, £884, good, Oct 19, 13 ran). **MARYLEBONE** (11-0) backward when respectable 10th to *Midnight Count* (11-0) at this course (2m 4f Nov Hdle, £1834, soft, Dec 6, 21 ran).
Selection: PIKE'S PEAK

course specialists

CHELTENHAM
Trainers: F Winter, 47 winners from 226 runners, 20.8%; S Mellor, 11 from 54, 20.4%; F Walwyn, 29 from 163, 17.8%.
Jockeys: A Brown 8 winners from 29 rides 20.7%; J J O'Neill, 16 from 105, 15.2%; C Brown, 11 from 98, 11.2%.

LEICESTER
Trainers: F Winter, 11 winners from 35 runners, 31.4%; Mrs M Rimell, 6 from 25, 24.0%, Mrs J Pitman, 17 from 73, 23.3%.
Jockeys: A Webber, 11 winners from 70 rides, 15.7%; B de Haan, 5 from 34, 14.7%; T Wall, 5 from 36, 13.9%.



Alan Brown: fine record at Cheltenham

CATTERICK
TRAINERS: M H Easterby, 20 winners from 66 runners, 30.3%; M W Easterby, 11 from 59, 18.6%; D Yeoman, 7 from 44, 15.9%.
JOCKEYS: R Earnshaw, 10 winners from 39 rides, 25.6%; C Grant, 19 from 126, 15.4%; N Doughty, 6 from 42, 14.3%.

CARLISLE
TRAINERS: A Scott, 9 winners from 26 runners, 34.6%; G Richards, 35 from 184, 19.0%; W A Stephenson, 23 from 212, 10.8%.
JOCKEYS: C Grant, 19 winners from 99 rides, 19.2%; A Stringer, 9 from 49, 18.4%; N Doughty, 21 from 119, 17.6%.

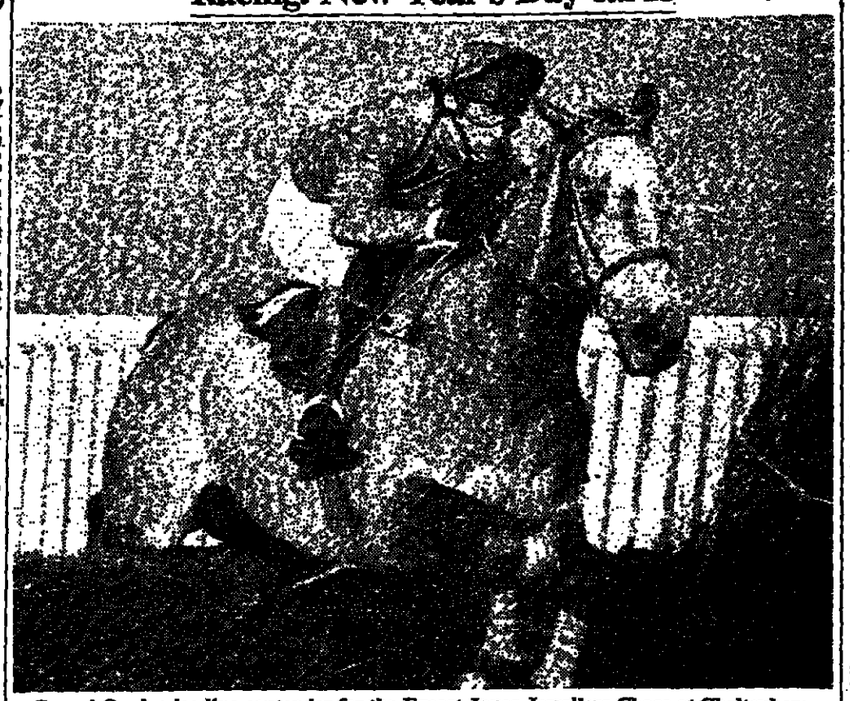
WINDSOR
TRAINERS: D Grissell, 5 winners from 28 runners, 17.9%; J Gifford, 9 from 68, 13.2%; T Forster, 9 from 75, 9.8%.
JOCKEYS: H Davies, 18 winners from 109, rides, 15.5%; R Rowe, 5 from 53, 9.4%; R Rowell, 4 from 58, 6.9%.

DEVON
TRAINERS: F Winter, 14 winners from 32 runners, 43.7%; D Elsworth, 19 from 69, 31.7%; M Pipe, 32 from 164, 19.5%.
JOCKEYS: C Brown, 18 winners from 107 rides, 14.9%; B Powell, 12 from 78, 15.4%; J Frost, 10 from 69, 12.3%.

Trainers' preferences

The following is a list of trainers' preferences for horses engaged at more than one of tomorrow's meetings. Cheltenham: 12.15 Halmidor; 12.45 Tsarella. Windsor: 2.0 Sailor's Dance. Devon: 1.30 Stylish Wonder; 2.0 Deep and Even, Cool Sun; 2.30 Gandouge Lane; 3.30 Season's Delight. Carlisle: 1.15 May Sign.

Racing: New Year's Day cards



Carved Opal, a leading contender for the Ernest Jones Jewellers Chase at Cheltenham

Deep Impression to make mark

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Nick Gaselee, the Upper Lambourn trainer, must have sound claims to the December trainer of the month award after the exploits of his novice chasers, Berlin, Bolands Cross. Deep Impression, the Catchpool and Galesburg were all successful during the period in question and the first four of the quintet are unbeaten over fences.

One sees too many badly-schooled horses, but the way those novices jumped was a credit to Gaselee, who had clearly schooled them to perfection at home. Credit must also go to the trainer for the timing of their switch from hurdling to steeplechasing and for their placing – all five were well-backed.

For instance he took Deep Impression twice to Warwick so that even while winning and gaining confidence there he would still not amass sufficient prize money to warrant a penalty for the Steel Plate and Sections Young Chasers qualifier at Cheltenham tomorrow.

At Warwick **Deep Impression** jumped with precision and speed on both occasions. He won by five lengths the first time and by seven when carrying his penalty the next.

So it is against that particularly encouraging backcloth that he is napped to remain unbeaten and get the New Year off to a good start. My other principle fancies at Cheltenham are Ten Plus and Pike's Peak to win the two divisions of the Malvern Novices' Hurdle.

Ten Plus (12.15), who has already won a similar race over the same course and distance this season, still has the clear beating on paper of the promising Chief Ironside. Pike's Peak (3.40) showed the benefit of his initial run behind Ten Plus when running away with his next race at Chepstow and in that sort of form he will be very hard to contain indeed in the second division.

The Tsarevich, his stable companion in Nicky Henderson"s Lambourn yard, can also strike winning form again in the Ernest Jones Jewellers Handicap Chase following that good effort in the SGB Steeplechase at Ascot. Apparently he needed that race after a slight setback. Also the distance of Wednesday's race is arguably ideal. He was successful over it during the National Hunt Festival.

The *Footman*, who showed that his Sandown run behind That's Your Lot was all wrong when bolting home in the Finale Junior Hurdle at Chepstow, looks poised to follow that fine effort with another in the Steel Plate Trial Hurdle, perhaps at the expense of the Tsarevich's younger sister Tsarella.

Having been denied a plausible crack at one good prize at Newbury on Saturday by the weather, **Tom Sharp** is entitled to another chance in the Ernest Jones Diamond Handicap Hurdle, especially as he won so well at Cheltenham at the beginning of December.

Sailor's Dance, the top weight in his race, also holds an engagement at Windsor in the La Finezza New Year's Day Hurdle which Ra Nova will be attempting to win a second time. My feeling is that he will be hard pushed to give even as little as 3lb to **Robin Wonder**, who was runner-up in last year's Champion Hurdle. Robin Wonder will be meeting his November Sandown conqueror, Chrysaor, on a stone better terms for four lengths.

At Devon and Exeter I expect **Galesburg** to continue the Gaselee success story by winning the West of England Building Society Novices' Chase from Church Warden, a newcomer to fences of some potential.

Fred Winter, who trained that good but sadly ill-fated hurdler, Deep Wealth, is now hopeful of winning the race bearing his name with another son of Deep Run, **Deep And Even**, who won first time out at Newbury, but then ruined his chance of winning again there on Hennessy Day by whipping round at the start.

At Leicester it will be a bold person who opposes Western Rose's younger half brother, **Riva Rose**, in the first division of the Humberstone Novices' Hurdle. My selection won a similar race by eight lengths at Worcester recently.

DEVON & EXETER

Going: heavy.

1.0 RAYNER MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY (Handicap chase: £2,047: 2m 1f) (8 runners)

1	0114-	FIRE DRILL K Bishop 11-11-13	–
2	23-01	GEMELEK (CD) J Old 10-11-10 (5 ex)	–
3	210-3	BICKLEIGH BRIDGE J Roberts 12-11-0	–
5	00-0c	TOULOUSE (B) J Cobden 11-10-10	G McCourt
8	34pp-	KNIGHT OF LOVE B Stevens 11-10-2	J H Davies
9	1334	CORAL LEISURE (B) G Balding 9-10-0	R Guest 7
10	224b	MAGGIE DEE (C) R Frost 9-10-0	J Frost
12	013p	POMPOSITY R Smith 9-10-0	W Knox 4

1985: Gemelek 0-10-13 P Murphy (5-2) J Old 8 ran.

9-4 Gemelek, 3 Fire Drill, 9-2 Bickleigh Bridge, 6 Pomposity.

Devon selections

By Mandarin

1.0 Gemelek. 1.30 Bold Mark. 2.0 Deep And Even. 2.30 Galesburg. 3.0 Shuttlecock Star. 3.30 Ribobelle.

1.30 BARON BLAKENEY NOVICE HURDLE (4-y-o: £1,660: 2m 1f) (13)

1	01	BEECH ROAD (D) T Hallett 11-6	NON-RUNNER
3	02	BOLD MONK D Barons 10-10	P Nicholls
4		BRIGADIER BLAKE M Pipe 10-10	J Lower 7
5		CAPTAIN'S CASTLE Mrs E Kennard 10-10	NON-RUNNER
6	0	DEMOCRATIC BOY J King 10-10	–
10		KEEP FIGHTING (B) N Gaselee 10-10	D Browne
11	00	MAORI WARRIOR A Barrow 10-10	C Grant
12	3p	PADDY'S LAD S May 10-10	S May
14	0	SKYLARK WONDER D Elsworth 10-10	C Brown
16	4	TAXIADS N Henderson 10-10	–
22	0	TRUST THE GYPSY R Hodges 10-10	Mr E Whettam
25	32	HOT GIRL M Pipe 10-5	M Pitman 4
29	100	TANTE MARIE D Gandolfo 10-5	P Barton

1985: Thunder Rock 11-3 R Goldstein (14-1) A Davison 14 ran.

5-2 Hot Girl, 4 Taxiads, Bold Monk, 5 Skylark Wonder, 6 Brigadier Blake, 10 Keep Fighting 14 16 others.

2.0 DEEP WEALTH NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (£4,350: 2m 1f) (18)

3	10-	ACCURACY (BF) G Balding 5-11-9	R Guest 7
4	2-10	DEEP AND EVEN (BF) F Winter 8-11-9	Mr C Brookes 7
5	4-130	PRINCE RAMBORO (BF) Mrs M Rimell 5-11-6	–
6	032-2	GRACEFUL KICKER J Edwards 5-11-5	P Barton
8	2-041	TACHADOR R Hodges 5-11-1 (5 ex)	G McCourt
9	2-341	DOUBLETON (B) L Kennard 5-11-0	B Powell
10	220-4	TOUR DE FORCE P Makin 5-11-0	–
12	140	INFO T Hallett 5-10-10	D Wonnacott 7
13	4-309	FLYING OFFICER (B) M Pipe 5-10-10	J Lower 7
14	04-03	CHERRY MELODY Mrs M Rimell 7-10-8	Mr M Price 7
15	00-03	COOL SUN (BF) Mrs J Pitman 6-10-6	M Pitman 4
16	02-p0	ROYAL BAIZE J H Baker 5-10-2	C Brown
17	000-0	AISLING GAEL (BF) D Gandolfo 6-10-0	–
18	44-2	MAYGON Mrs E Kennard 6-10-0	NON-RUNNER
19	0322	INVISIBLE RING R Holder 5-10-0	–
20	ppp-4	YANKEE DOODLE D Barons 6-10-0	P Nicholls
21	0-000	CATMAN N Mitchell 5-10-0	Mr T Mitchell 7
22	0/0p-	BOARDMANS SUPREMO D R Tucker 7-10-0	–

1985: Cats Eyes 5-11-2 P Leach (6-4 fav) M Pipe 15 ran.

4 Graceful Kicker, 5 Tachador, 8 Accuracy, Doubleton, 9 Deep and Even, Prince Ramboro, 10 Cool Sun, 12 Cherry Melody, 14 Aisling Gael.

2.30 WEST OF ENGLAND BUILDING SOCIETY NOVICE CHASE (£2,181: 3m 1f) (15)

1	2-113	GALESBURG (BF) N Gaselee 7-11-13	D Browne
2	0022	CAPTAIN COURAGE D Barons 8-11-6	P Nicholls
3	3p0-0	CAPTAIN PAT J H Baker 10-11-6	–
10	21u0-	CHURCH WARDEN D Murray-Smith 7-11-6	–
11	000p	CUSHY RISE (B) C Popham 9-11-6	C Cox 4
14	30-P00	GANDOUGE LANE J Old 9-11-6	–
15	1031	HARLOW MILL M Pipe 7-11-6	J Lower 7
17	00-60	LUCKY GREEN Mrs S Weedon 9-11-6	S Earle
18	0p1/1	MAT Mrs S Oliver 9-11-6	J Suthern
19	321-0	MIDNIGHT MADNESS D Bloomfield 8-11-6	–
25	0	ROADMAN R Smith 7-11-6	Mr G Maundrell
26	0000	ROWDEN RULER D R Tucker 7-11-6	–
32	10p3-	VANTER BOY J Thorne 9-11-6	J Hurst
37	0-500	GO PENTA N Aylife 8-11-1	M Aylife
38	2013	PRINCESS 1985 B Forsey 8-11-1	P Dever

1985: Fort Courage 10-10-11 L Bloomfield (8-1) T Hallett13 ran.

5-2 Galesburg, 3 Church Warden, 5 Captain Courage, 6 Harlow Mill, 8 Princess Isis, 12 Midnight Madness, 14 others.

3.0 UPTON PYNE NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£553: 2m 1f) (10)

1	2234	BATTLE MASTER C Hill 5-11-5	B Powell
2	0	DR CORNELIUS G Hara 5-11-6	–
3	1-000	ESKER HOUSE D R Tucker 5-11-6	–
4	430-0	SHINER'S PAL Mrs B Waring 5-11-6	NON-RUNNER
6	p	CHEEKY ROSES B Stevens 5-11-1	J H Davies
8	0	PEN TAW C Hill 4-10-9	–
10	000	SHUTTLECOCK STAR G Kindersley 4-10-6	–
12	up	CLEO'S GOLD (B) P Sanders 4-10-3	–
13	00	GREAT OWING A Davison 4-10-3	–
14	0200	IRELAND GIRL T Le Grice 4-10-3	–

1985: Rainbow Lady 4-10-13 P Leach (1-2 fav) M Pipe 8 ran.

13-8 Battle Master, 9-4 Esker House, 4 Pen Taw, 7 Ireland Girl.

3.30 THORVERTON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,192: 2m 1f) (17)

3	2-201	RIBOBELLE (CD) M Pipe 5-12-0 (7 ex)	J Lower
4	14-21	SEASON'S DELIGHT (D) R Holder 7-11-7 (7 ex)	A Dickie 5
5	1334	CORAL LEISURE (B) (CD) G Balding 5-11-5	R Guest 7
6	12fo	RETSEL (BF) C Popham 7-11-4	–
9	132-30	MOLYWOODCOCK (BF) G Kindersley 5-10-12	–
10	42p0	DOONALLY (CD) R Hodges 10-10-10	W Smyth 7
11	0001	MAGIC MINK (CD) R Holder 8-10-8	W McFarlane 5
13	0000	GOLDEN MATCH (CD) J H Baker 8-10-8	–
14	4/40	GETTING PLENTY (C) F Gorman 7-10-6	–
15	0001	MY SNIP (CD) R Hodges 12-10-4	W Irvine 7
16	p-013	ALIETS Mrs A Finch 5-10-2	–
19	10p/	COUNCILLEVEL D R Tucker 5-10-0	–
20	-00pp	PLACE CONCORDE (B) D Williams 8-10-0	–
21	40/pp	MIDNETTE Mrs E Scott 9-10-0	S McDonald

RACING

Dawn Run takes another sure step to Gold Cup

From Our Irish Correspondent, Dublin

The chances of Dawn Run becoming the first Champion Hurdle winner to triumph in the Cheltenham Gold Cup were not diminished by her victory in the Sean P. Graham Chase at Leopardstown yesterday afternoon. Dawn Run wound up with only two opponents through the defection of Harveystown, Rainbow Warrior and Royal Bond, but it proved a pretty race to watch as Buck House took her on at almost every jump.

There was never a great deal to choose between the pair in the jumping sphere, although what advantage there was appeared to rest with the mare, who made only one mistake of any consequence and that at the final jump where she had already taken the measure of the challenger.

Tony Mullins rode her out with hands and heels and with Tommy Carmody accepting the situation on Buck House the winning margin was extended to four lengths. The third runner, Kilkilowen, ridden by Sarah Collen, was the best part of 15 lengths adrift of the leaders three fences out, but finished with gusto and lost the second prize only by a head.

Dawn Run will now get her first taste of the Cheltenham fences when she goes there on January 25 for the Holsten Pils Novices' Chase. The distance there of three miles and one furlong will certainly suit her better than the two and a quarter miles at Leopardstown.

If one was to find any flaw in the performance it would be the fact that Buck House was decisively outpointed by Very Promising at a difference of only 3lbs in the H and T Walker Goddess Chase at Ascot in November. Against that, though, Dawn Run just keeps on winning and has now been successful in 12 of her last 13 starts.

Another former Champion Hurdle winner, for auction, is contrastingly still looking for his first win over fences. That could come at Fairyhouse tomorrow in the G. B. Malcolmson Memorial Chase as it was no disgrace to be beaten at Navan by Hungary Hur, who is being rated the best novice chaser in Ireland.

● Breeders' Cup Ltd are contributing $3m towards a new programme of 36 added-money races to be run throughout the United States in 1986. The announcement was made today by the Breeders' Cup Premium Awards Committee chairman, William S. Farish.

The new races are intended to be an extension of the $12m Breeders' Cup Premium Awards programme that already embraces 500 stakes races

TENNIS

Croft ready to play in new cup

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

The 19-nation qualifying competition for the inaugural women's indoor team championship (European Cup) will be played next week in two sections. Nine teams, including Britain, will play at Loana, on the Gulf of Genoa, and 10 will compete at Baden, in Switzerland.

The three most successful teams at each venue will make up the first division, which will contest the trophy from November 26 to 30.

Annabel Croft is available to play for Britain. The rest of the team will be announced on Thursday. Susan Mappin, the national team manager, said yesterday that as this was the first year, the competition was "a bit of an unknown quantity". Eventually, she said, it might turn out to be a useful event for younger players.

Miss Mappin hopes the European Cup will provide an intermediate level of international team competition, between the Maureen Connolly Trophy event (for British and American players aged 21 and under) and the Federation Cup and Wightman Cup contests. That would correspond with the status of the men's European Cup competition, already well established, which will be played from January 22 to 26. Britain will be among the first division teams competing at Queen's Club, West Kensington.

Britain's junior indoor championships are already in progress at Queen's Club. Tomorrow the so-called "World Young Masters" tournament, for men aged 21 or under, will begin in West Berlin. This is the event that was inaugurated last year at Birmingham's National Exhibition Centre, but had a frosty reception from British administrators because it clashed with the annual doubles tournament promoted by World Championship Tennis at the Albert Hall, London.

This year's WCT event will begin next Tuesday. The eight teams will include the winners of all four Grand Slam doubles titles: Mark Edmondson and Kim Warwick (the French champions), Heinz Gunthardt and Balazs Taroczy (Wimbledon), Ken Flach and Robert Seguso (US) and Paul Annacone and Christo van Rensburt (Australian).

The book worth its weight

The Davis Cup competition, the world team championship, sank into something of a trough during the 1960s and 1970s because of the flight to professionalism and, later, the difficult adjustment to the new era of open tennis, Rex Bellamy writes. With a revived format and heavy sponsorship from the NEC Corporation of Japan, the Davis Cup has again become one of the great events on the sporting calender. It has long deserved a written history and at last it has got one.

Alan Trengove, the most widely experienced of Australian tennis writers, has written *The Story of the Davis Cup* (published by Stanley Paul at £99.95) in collaboration with the competition's governing body the International Tennis Federation. The tome runs to 577 pages, weighs two pounds five ounces and would doubtless have been more highly priced but for ITF backing.

The bulk of the book consists of 290 pages of historic narrative mostly about outstanding ties, 257 pages containing the results of every Davis Cup match played from the 1900 origins to the end of 1984, and 73 black and white photographs covering a similar span of time. One hopes the admirably diligent Trengove has totally recovered from the exhaustive research

As an Australian who saw his first Davis Cup tie in 1953, Trengove is well qualified to produce the history of a competition that has been dominated by his compatriots and the United States. He has done a damning job so well that one feels slightly guilty in suggesting improvements for future editions.

The nattative could be trimmed and more tightly organized without damage and in the presence of such an impressive work of reference, it is unfortunate that one still has to consult other books for conveniently collated and condensed fast facts about the most successful nations and players and unusual Davies Cup feats. Sorry about that, "Trenners". I owe you a tube. Meantime nine out of 10 plus one for giving it a go.

Medal potential

Bonn (AFP). – Willi Daume, vice-president of the IOC said here yesterday that leading tennis players want to be at the Olympic Games. A medal, they say, enhances a sportsman's earnings potential.

BASKETBALL

Brazilians toughest of the honoured guests

By Nicholas Harling

The sponsors have gone and the format has changed but there should still be no lack of interest for basketball followers at the World Invitation club Championships, which begin at Crystal Palace today.

With the disappearance of Philips, who had sponsored the event over its entire previous eight years' existence, some of the leading clubs have also gone this time, although not the holders and five-time winners Maccabi Tel Aviv.

Red Star Belgrade, last year's runners-up, and two previous winners, Milan, and Athletes in Action, are the most notable absentees but with Marathon Oil Chicago and Montelibano from Brazil in the line-up, as well as four of the top five sides in the Carlsberg National League, including the leaders Team Polycell Kingston, there should be enough to whet local appetites. Nor should male chauvinists be disappointed by the return of Solna, the attractive Swedish women's team, to defend the trophy they won last year.

Of the English quartet in action, both Kingston, who no doubt will be anxious to avoid a meeting with Maccabi, their overwhelming conquerors in the first round of the European Cup, and Palace, the hosts, had a weekend off from league action.

There was plenty, nevertheless, to occupy the mind of the Kingston coach, Malcolm Chamberlain, who say his club's first opponents Montelibano, in action at the Bracknell tournament. After watching them swamp Sperrings Solent Stars in the first semi-final, Chamberlain said: "They're very slick and they're huge. I don't know how they've come to be seeded second because I rate them as better than Maccabi. De Souza, their point guard, can do it all. "Of some comfort to Chamberlain is the fact that he does have Davis, his centre back from America after the death of his sister.

Like Kingston and Palace, the two Manchester clubs will be at full strength after coming safely through their league matches on Saturday. Both United and Giants made up big leeways to win and maintain their championship challenges. United doing so with surprising ease against Birmingham Bullets, who went down 124-101 at home.

United's sixth successive win came after they had trailed 24-14 in six minutes. But by half-time when the lead was 58-44, United had with the considerable help of Gardner (35 points), Tom Brown (25) and Jones (20) taken an initiative they were not to lose.

Giants were 62-51 behind in their home game against Walkers Crisps Leicester before a scoring blitz from Kennedy (37 points) who had taken 13 minutes to get off the mark, took them to a 109-93 win.

The south coast obviously suits Hemel and Watford Royals. A week after becoming the first side to overcome Portsmouth in the league, Hemel travelled south again with similar success, beating Nissan Bears Worthing 100-90.

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BIRTHS

ANGUS. – On 25th December to Jane (nee Buchanan) and Sandy, a daughter, Georgina Scarlett Holly.

EADDELEY On December 17th 1985 at Birmingham Maternity Hospital to Linda and Simon a daughter Amy Elizabeth, sister to Richard.

BARTLEET on 23rd December 1985 to Sonia (nee Goodman) and Tim, a son – Guy Arthur John.

BELCHER – On 27th December 1986, at The Rose, Cambridge, to Fiona and Nicholas – a daughter (Charlotte Victoria), a sister for Thomas Patrick.

BELLO. – On 26th December, at the Portland Hospital, to Rosemary (nee Dagenhall) and Anthony – a son (Simon Harold Solomon).

BOOTH. – On December 28th, at St Teresa's Hospital, Wimbledon, to Caroline (nee Anderson) and Peter – a son (Charles Samuel), a brother for Philippa, Emma and Georgina.

CARTWRIGHT – On 27 December to Jacqueline (nee George) and Andrew, a daughter, Clare Allegra.

CAVAZZA. – On December 27th at St Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth, to Pamela and Fabrizio – a daughter.

CUNDALL – On 19th December at Queen Mary's Hospital Roehampton, to Alison (nee Harris) and Richard – a daughter (Anna Clare), a sister for Kate, Mary and Tom.

DAWKINS – on December 28 to Jeannie (nee Elliot) and William a daughter, Sophie Louisa Rose, a sister to Laura.

DE JUNIAC. On 29th December to Kristine (nee Holland) and Christian – a second daughter.

ELRINGTON. – On 28 December to Alison (nee Graham) and Giles – a son (Thomas.)

FALCONER. – On 20th December 1985 to Marianna (nee Hildyard) and Charlie – a son (Hamish.)

GILMORE. To Stephen and Karan (nee Shillito) on December 29th at Birmingham Maternity Hospital, a daughter Camilla.

HAMLIN. – On 21st December, 1986 at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Shelagh and Patrick – a son (Edward Ruari), a brother for Georgina.

HANDLEY. – On 23rd December 1985 to Margaret (nee Sweett) and Nicholas – a daughter (Sarah Beatrice.)

HARTLEY. – On December 29th to Anna, wife of Andrew of Netherwood Farm, Ilkley – a son, Frederick Edward Arthur (Freddie), a brother for Guy, Emma, Barnaby, Georgina, Daisy and Angus.

HOLLWAY. – On December 23rd, to Sally (nee Wright) and David – a daughter (Elizabeth Clare.)

JACKMAN. – On December 29, to Caroline (nee Woods) and Richard – a daughter (Rosanna Caroline), a sister for Connie.

LLOYD–PACK on December 27th to Christopher and Philippa, a son.

MERRYS – On Boxing Day 1986, at the Victoria Maternity Hospital, Barnet, to Katy (nee Ashdown) and Chris – a son, Alexander Henry.

OSBORNE. – On 29th December in Edinburgh, to Laura and Michael – a second son.

PEARSON – On Christmas Eve at The Princess Anne Wing, RUH Bath, to Nicky (nee Marke) and Nicholas, a son (Charles).

PEMBERTON–PIGOTT – On 27th December 1985, to Joy and Jason, a son.

PETERS. On December 11th, to Lindsey (nee Hawker) and Simon – a daughter (Lucy.)

PRESCOTT–DECIE. – On December 26th, in Athens, to Alcestis–Anna (nee Throcharis) and Brian – a son (Philip).

RICE. – On 17th December, to Silvia (nee Perrini) and Robert, a son, James Federico Macan.

ROBERTSON. – On December 24, 1985, at Musgrove Park Hospital, to Tessa (nee Blackburn) and Alan – a son (Charles.)

SALMON – on 26th December 1985, to Raquel (nee Gonzalez) and Richard – a daughter, Jennifer Maria.

STURGESS on 21st December 1985, to Debbie and Geoffrey – a daughter Naomi.

SYKES. – On 23rd December 1985 to Caroline (nee Miller) and Phillip at St. Thomas's Hospital – a son (Richard.)

TABOR. – On Boxing Day, 1985, to Kate (nee Thorne) and Brian – a daughter (Jennifer Anne.)

THOMAS. – On 12th December, 1985 to Sue and Clive – a son (Guy Hamilton Lewis.)

TILL. – On 30th December at the Lindo Wing, to Lynda and Stewart – a beautiful baby boy (Elliott.)

WATSON – On Friday, December 20th, 1985 at Heatherwood Hospital, Ascot, to Simon and Veronica, a son, Lawrence Alistair.

WILKES. – On December 26th, to Susan and John – a son (Nicholas Arthur William).

WOODMAN. – See Thomas.

YEOH. – On Christmas Eve to Ivy and Robin – a daughter (Felicity Qing-Fei.)

BIRTHDAYS

CLARE HARRIS is 18 today. Happy Birthday Love from P.D., M & R.

MARRIAGES

NIXON : LONGFORD – On December 28th, at All Saints', Witley, Andrew Charles Nixon, only son of Mrs Valerian Robinson and the late Mr C. W. Nixon, to Ruth Margaret, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Longford.

RUBY WEDDING

SKELLY–MAHONEY. On 31st December, 1945 at St Matthew's Cathedral, Washington D.C. Brian Conal Skelly to Marion Elin Mahoney – now of Beckenham, Kent. Congratulations.

DEATHS

ATKEY. – Philip (Barry Perolone), on December 24th, suddenly at his home in Marbella, Spain. Very sadly missed by all his family and friends. The funeral took place in Marbella, on December 27th.

BALDRY – On December 28th, at Southampton, Carina, wife of Harold, and mother of Michelle, Cynthia and William. Aged 78.

BASTIN – George James, of Sunshine Cottages, Chorleywood, and late of Usk, C. in Mount Vernon Hospital, on 26th December. Will be sadly missed by family and wide circle of friends. Family flowers please, donations if desired to The Church Missionary Society, c/o Reverend D. Saville, Christ Church, Chorleywood. Funeral arrangements by James Peddle Ltd, Rickmansworth 772013.

BILLEN – On December 25, Lesley Margaret Scott, much loved wife of Roy and mother of Andrew, Nigel and Stephanie. Funeral at South Essex Crematorium, Upminster, on Friday, January 3rd, at 2.30 pm. Flowers to Bennett's, 120 High St, Brentwood, Essex.

BOLTON, PETER. – On 28th December aged 31 years, an artist, the elder son of Mr and Mrs B. E. Bolton, Barford St Martin, Salisbury. Cremation and service Salisbury Crematorium at noon Friday January 10th, 1986. No flowers.

BRANDT – On December 27, peacefully at her home, Broxham Manor, Four Elms, Edenbridge, Kent, aged 83, beloved wife of Willie, much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Cremation private. Service of thanksgiving at Four Elms Church, Friday, January 3 at 3pm. Please no flowers.

BUCKLAND – The Reverend W. Basil, suddenly of heart failure on Christmas Eve, 1985. The funeral will be at St Francis Church, Bournville, Birmingham on Friday, Jan. 3rd at 12.am. A memorial service will be held at St Nicholas Church, Newbury on Monday, Jan. 6 at 11.30am.

CLARK – On December 29th, peacefully and courageously at home in his 80th year, Dr Alex Wilson Clark, O.B.E., J.P., Dear father of David, Jennifer, Rosemary and John. Much loved father-in-law and grandfather and beloved companion of Lily. Presidents of Beatson Clark plc. A private cremation service will be held on January 6th. A service of thanksgiving will be announced later. No flowers by request, donations in his memory may be made to The Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield, for the Research of Dr Peter Howard.

COLE – On December 28th 1985, at the Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle, Honorine (Honor), widow of Cyril Cole, much loved mother and grandmother. Cremation at Carlisle Crematorium, on Thursday 2nd January, at 3pm. Family flowers only please.

COLEMAN – On Christmas day suddenly at the home of her daughter Mary, Margaret Ellen (Marjorie) beloved wife of the late George loved wife of the late George Coleman, dearly loved mother of Mary, Ann and Jane and darling Granny of Simon, Timothy, Sarah, Charles, Catherine, Nicholas, James, Harriet, George and Charlotte. Funeral service at St John's Church, Frome on Tuesday January 7th at 2.15 pm, followed by private cremation, no flowers please, donations to the British Heart Foundation, may be sent to W. Adlam and Son, 66-70 Locks Hill, Frome.

DEATHS

COOPER. – On December 27th at Great Fish Hall, Tonbridge, Alice, aged 89, widow of Arthur, much loved step mother of Doris, Phyllis and the late Harry Cooper. Funeral and the late Harry Cooper. Funeral service at St. Barnabas Church, Bexhill-on-Sea, Tuesday January 7th at 12 noon. Flowers to Mummery, F.D. 31 Devonshire Road, Bexhill-on-Sea.

COOPER. – On Monday, 30th December, peacefully at home, Frederick Renac (Eric), of Shalbourne, aged 85. Funeral at 2.30pm on Friday, 3rd January, at St Michael and All Angels Church, Shalbourne, at 2.30pm. No flowers, donations if desired to the British Heart Foundation.

COWIN. – On December 28, suddenly, John Francis Lancelot, aged 77, of Chilbolton Ave, Winchester. Beloved husband of Vera and dear father of Larissa and Ludmilla. Enquiries to Larissa and Ludmilla. Enquiries to John Steel & Son Ltd, Winchester 63196.

EVES – On 29th December quietly at home Gertrude Marianne Katherine wife of the late Payemaster Captain Wife of the late Payemaster Captain Willoughby Eves, R.N. and dearly loved mother of Donald and Douglas. Funeral arrangements private.

FARRANT. – On December 30th 1985, peacefully after a long illness, made to insert advertisements on date requested but cannot be guaranteed. Readers are advised to satisfy themselves as to the information contained in advertisements, or to seek professional advice, before entering into any commitment.

FARRANT. – On December 30th 1985, peacefully after a long illness, Dorothy, much loved wife of the late Ted. Funeral service takes place at Guildford Crematorium on Friday January 3rd, 1986 at 1pm. No mourning.

FLETCHER – On Christmas Day, Pamela Joan of East End, Lymington, beloved wife of John, loving mother of Timothy and Sarah and a caring Grandmother. Funeral service at South Baddesley Church on Thursday January 2nd at 2 pm. Family flowers only please but donations for Church of England Children's Society, to Diamond and Son, Funeral Directors, 9-11 Lower Buckland Road, Lymington, Hants. Tel: 0590 72060.

GARDINER. – On Dec 23, peacefully, in the Westminster Hospital, Mary Alice Shaw, widow of Gypsy Smith, evangelist. Cremation private, service of thanksgiving later, no flowers, but donations if wished to Westminster Hospital, Horseferry Road. Annie Ward London, SW1.

GRAFF. – On December 29th, peacefully at St Georges Retreat, Ditchling Common, Burgess Hill, Sussex, formerly of The Garth, 34 The Green, Roedean, Brighton, and Wrangate Street, London Grete, MB, BS, MRCS, LRCP, LRAM, ATCL, a well known and greatly respected Gynaecologist, aged 76 years. Beloved sister of Alex Traub and Ruth Kaplin of South Africa. Cremation Service private. Family flowers only but donations in Grete's memory may be given to St Georges Retreat.

HAYES E. H. (BILL), of Haslemere, formerly of Nigeria. Suddenly on 27th December, while staying with friends. Funeral service at St. Stephens Church, Shottermill, Haslemere, at 1pm on Friday, 3rd January, followed by cremation at Guildford Crematorium.

HENDRY, On 24th December, at his home in Takapuna, Auckland, Jim, husband of the late Irene Hendry, much loved and greatly missed by daughters, Mae Lin and Kim Sue, all the family, friends and colleagues in many parts of the world.

HUMPHREYS. – On December 27th peacefully at his home in Canford Cliffs, Poole, Kenneth Humphreys, formerly of Bath. Enquiries to Taprell Funeral Service. Tel: Poole (0202) 673164.

HYDE. – On December 27th suddenly at Colchester, Kathleen Margaret (née Trevi) aged 73 years. Beloved wife of Humphrey Rochfort Hyde much loved mother and grandmother. At her own request funeral private. Family flowers only. Donations to St Leonards Hospice, York.

KENNEDY, ALEC OLIPHANT, D.F.M. – Beloved husband of Hilda, and father of Anne, Claire and Catherine. Suddenly on Christmas Eve in Brisbane.

KER – On December 26th 1985, peacefully in hospital, Johnnie George Skipton, much loved father of Richard, loving Jeremy, Patricia and Richard, loving grandfather of Hamish and Hermione. Funeral private. Thanksgiving service at Ilkley Parish Church, today (Tuesday) at 3 pm. No flowers, but donations may be made to the British Heart Foundation, 102, Gloucester Place, London, W1.

LOLY, – On 24th December, Kari, wife of Michael, peacefully at home in Oslo.

MACRAE, MAUD MARY. on December 24th peacefully at Paddington Community Hospital, London following a short illness. Beloved mother of Ronald Macrae and the late Gerald Rawdon Wylde. Born and resident India 1891–1930. Daughter of the late William James Howard (Barrister). Funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium East Chapel at 2.30pm. on Friday, January 10th. All friends invited. No flowers, donations if desired to Manager National Westminster Bank, 1059 Elgin Ave, London W9 1JT (01-286 0418) towards an amenity for the above hospital.

MARNHAM. On 28th December 1985 John Ewart of Wargrave, Berks., while on holiday in Devon with his family. Private cremation, memorial service will be announced later.

MASON. – On Christmas Day, 1985, at her daughter's home, Helen Mary (nee Hendley), late of Hinstock, Salop, beloved wife of the late John Edward Mason and dear mother of Helen and John and grandmother of Andrew, Keith, Mark and Robert.

MOORE – On 28th December, Anthony Shamus (Tony), beloved son of Mary Martin, and the late Major D. N. Moore R.E., after a long illness, bravely fought.

MUNKS. – On December 24th, 1985 suddenly, Frederick John (Mickie) beloved husband of Sheila, father of Peter, Nigel and Hilary. Funeral service on Tuesday 7th January at St Peter's, Iver at 11am followed by private cremation. Arrangements by Sergeant E. & Son, Church Road, Slough.

O'LEARY, John Gerard, FSA, FLA, in Hunstanton nursing home on December 25th. Greatly loved by all his family. Funeral on Thursday, 2nd January.

PARNELL. DOCTOR RICHARD WILLIAM, FRCP, of Sutton Coldfield, on 26th December, 1985, at Chase Farm Hospital, Enfield, beloved husband of Dodi, dear brother of Eleanor, loved father of Elizabeth and John, and grandfather of five. Funeral at 2.30pm on Tuesday 7th at New Southgate Crematorium, London. Family flowers only please. Donations to Good Hope Hospital Complex, Sutton Coldfield.

PEARCE, Erica Holroyd, wife of Lord Pearce and daughter of Bertram Priestman, R.A., suddenly on the 21st December. A much loved wife, mother and grandmother.

PERRY – On 24th December 1985, Virginia Byng, wife of John Wilson Perry, of The Grange, Grange Road, Tettenhall, Wolverhampton, in her 87th year. Requiem Mass at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Tettenhall, on Friday 3rd January, at 10am, followed by cremation at Bushbury. Flowers to F. Jennings & Son, Horseley Field, Wolverhampton.

PULLEY – On December 29th, peacefully in hospital, Janet Fairley aged 92, of 203 Priests Lane, Shenfield, Essex. Dearly loved wife of William, devoted mother of Campbell and Iain, and daughters-in-law, Nan and Penny. Loving granny of Nicola, Deborah, Adam, Nicholas and Caroline. Service at St Peters Church, South Weald on Tuesday 7th January at 2.30 pm. Following private cremation. No flowers please.

SERVICE. – Peacefully in his sleep on December 30th, Charles Huntley Service of Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, beloved husband of Joan Hunter Blair. Dear father of Gilly and her husband Duncan, and a loving grandfather of Alexander and Timothy. Service at Saltwell crematorium, Gateshead on Saturday 4th January at 11am. Family flowers only. No letters please.

SMITH, PETER, on Christmas Eve, suddenly aged 52, beloved husband of Anne and father of Christopher, Edward and Elizabeth. Funeral private. January 2nd 1.30pm, Flowers to Sear's Funeral Services, 2 Thorahill Place, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 2SF. Donations to The Heart Foundation and/or Barts Hospital, London. Memorial service to follow.

SOLOMON. – On December 26th, 1985, Ethel Doris, widow of the Reverend Robert Oakley Solomon, peacefully after a long illness, aged 90. Funeral at The Church of St John the Evangelist, Hook, on Friday January 3rd at 1pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund.

STEEL – On December 27th, 1985, peacefully after a year of loving care at Greenbanks Lodge, Burnham. Sir Lincoln Steel, K.B., aged 85 years, beloved husband of Barbara, father of Anthony and David, and grandfather of Jonathan and Timothy. Service and Committal at Amersham Crematorium at 11.30am on Friday, January 10th. Enquiries and flowers to Messrs Grimstead, Tilbury House, Shepherds Lane, Beaconsfield, Bucks. Beaconsfield 2668.

STOWELL. On December 26th quietly after a short illness, Rose Faryon, OBE, of Bourton, Dorset, late of Tanganyika and Nyasaland, Fellow of Virginia. Funeral service at St Andrew's Church, Mells, on Thursday January 2nd at 12 noon. Rather than flowers, he would have preferred donations to enhance the countryside, or to aid cancer research. Enquiries to Mr Harold F. Director, South Miles, Funeral Cadbury, Yeovil. Tel: North Cadbury 40367.

TAYLOR. –Col. Anthony Donnithorne, of North Aston, late 16th–19th Kings Royal Hussars. Peacefully at home, on December 28th. Dearly loved husband, father, and grandfather. Funeral 2pm, Thursday, 2nd January, at St Peter and St Paul, Deddington, followed by private burial at North Aston. Family flowers only, donations if desired to North Aston Church Restoration Fund.

THOMAS. – On December 28th peacefully after a short illness, Terence Meredith (Terry) aged 66. Beloved husband of Philippa (Peggy) and father of Stephen, Andrew and Richard and step father of Peter and Anne. Funeral at Finchingfield Parish Church on Friday January 3rd at 12 o'clock. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to the above church which he loved so dearly. All enquiries to Hardy & Son, Finchingfield 0371 810660.

WAKLEY. – On December 21st, at Marlow Douglas of Bovingdon Green, Marlow, former Principal of the London Academy. Funeral Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham on Thursday, January 2nd, 1986, 11.30am. No flowers. Donations to League of Friends, Marlow Cottage Hospital.

WINDER. – On 24th December 1985 Irene Augusta Karsthne, aged 61 years. Beloved wife of Bryan. Funeral service will take place at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham on Tuesday 31st December at 4pm. No flowers please to Cancer Research. Donations please to Cancer Research.

ZVEGINTZOV – Suddenly and peacefully on Boxing Day. Diana Ashby. Funeral service at the Ivanovtzy, Funeral service at the Russian Church of All Saints, Ennismore Gardens at 10.30, Thursday January 2. Donations to Somerville College Appeal Fund, if you wish. Enquiries to J H Kenyon Ltd. 01-937 0787.

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New Year's Eve

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New Year's Day

BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.50 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 7.20 and 8.20; a review of the morning newspapers at 8.37. Plus, junior and adult advice lines; Glynn Christian with a recipe; and Alan Titchmarsh's gardening hints.
9.20 The Littlest Hobo (r). 9.45 Why Don't You . . . ? 10.10 The Hunter.
10.15 Play Chess. Bill Hartston with advice for beginners. 10.25 Ivor the Engine (r). 10.30 Play School.
10.50 The New Adventures of Wonder Woman (r). 11.40 The Montreux Rock Festival. Part two of the highlights from the Festival, introduced by Noel Edmonds who also interviews Boy George. Among others appearing are Dead or Alive, Elton John and Millie Jackson.
12.30 News and weather.
12.45 Sport 85. Highlights of Barry McGuigan's bouts with Juan Laporte and Eusebio Pedroza.
1.45 Ice Skating Special. The 1985 World Professional Figure-Skating Championships from Washington. Among those appearing are Torvill and Dean.
2.40 Film: Gone With the Wind (1939) starring Clark Gable, Vivien Leigh, Leslie Howard and Olivia de Havilland. Margaret Mitchell's passionate love story set against the background of the American Civil War. Directed by Victor Fleming (Ceefax).
5.15 News with Frances Coverdale. Weather.
5.30 EastEnders. Pauline and Arthur receive an unsigned letter they know comes from their missing son. (Ceefax).
7.00 Film: The Magnificent Seven (1960) starring Yul Brynner, Eli Wallach and Steve McQueen. Hugely successful western, based on the Japanese Seven Samurai story, about a group of men hired to protect Mexican villagers from a greedy gang of bandits. Directed by John Sturges (Ceefax).
9.05 News with Frances Coverdale. Weather.
9.20 The Browning Version. Terence Rattigan's drama about a public school's classics master, being forced to retire early because of heart trouble, who is despised by his wife because his promising career never materialized. But he resolves to leave the school with his head high. Starring Ian Holm and Judi Dench.
10.35 Steptoe and Son. Harold decides to spend Christmas away from his father (r).
11.15 Wogan. Terry plays host to a vast number of guests some of whom have already appeared on his show.
12.15 Film: Seven Brides for Seven Brothers (1954) starring Jane Powell and Howard Keel. Musical set in 1880s Oregon about a farmer, his new wife, and his six brothers. Directed by Stanley Donen.
1.55 Weather.

TV-am

6.15 Good Morning Britain presented by Nick Owen and Jayne Irving. News with Adrian Brown at 6.17, 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; exercises at 6.20; sport at 6.35; and 7.34; cartoon at 7.24; pop video at 7.55; Wacaday at 8.04.

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9.25 Thames news headlines followed by Fraggle Rock (r) 9.50 Walt Disney Presents. The Grasshopper and the Ant.
9.55 Film: The Greatest Show on Earth (1952) starring Cornel Wilde, Betty Hutton, Charlton Heston and Dorothy Lamour. Drama, capturing the spills and thrills of the circus ring. Directed by Cecil B De Mille.
12.30 The Sullivans.
1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin 1.20 Thames news. 1.30 That's My Dog. Canine quiz presented by Derek Hobson. The humans answer the questions, the dogs attempt the tricks.
2.00 Film: The Golden Seal (1983) starring Steve Railsback. Adventure story, set on an Aleutian island, about a young boy who finds a golden seal on the beach. When he tells his parents, the father, who had been hunting the seal for years, feels that he should be allowed to kill the creature. Directed by Frank Zuniga 3.40 Thames news headlines 3.45 The Young Doctors.
4.15 Ice Skating. Jim Rosenthal introduces the action from the St Ivel International Gala at Richmond. Among those appearing are the World Ice Dance champions, Natalia Bestemianova and Andrei Bukin.
5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge game for teenagers.
5.45 News with Martyn Lewis 6.00 Thames news.
6.35 Crossroads. Daniel upsets his step-uncle at the New Year's Eve party.
7.00 This is Your Life. Eamonn Andrews springs his last surprise of the year on a unsuspecting worthy.
7.30 Name That Tune. Fast-moving musical quiz presented by Lionel Blair.
8.00 The Freddie Starr Comedy Express. The comedian's guests are Frank Bruno, Graham Fletcher, Terry Lawless, Lon Satton and Maggie Scott.
9.00 Film: Yanks (1979) starring Vanessa Redgrave and Richard Gere. Set in 1943 this is the story of how the arrival of United States servicemen upset the orderly existence of the population of a Lancashire town. With Lisa Eichhorn and William Devane. Directed by John Schlesinger (continues after the news).
10.30 News with Pamela Armstrong.
10.45 Film: Yanks continued.
11.45 The New Year Show. Greet the New Year with music and laughter in the company of Russ Abbot, Lena Zavaroni, and the host, Jack McLaughlin. Others appearing include Sydney Devine, Andy Cameron and Allan Stewart.
12.30 Night Thoughts.





Judi Dench and Ian Holm in The Browning Version (BBC 1, 9.20 pm). And Billy Connolly: At Last It's Hogmanay (Channel 4, 11.20 pm).

BBC 2

9.00 Ceefax
11.45 Film: Maverick Queen (1955) starring Barbara Stanwyck and Barry Sullivan. An adaptation of a Zane Grey western about a lady who rules the Wyoming cattle roost. Directed by Joe Kane.
1.10 Everest, the Final Challenge. A documentary, filmed by Kurt Diemberger and Julie Tullis, capturing the excitement and danger of climbing the north-east ridge of Mount Everest.
2.00 What's Up, Chuck?. Animator Chuck Jones introduces two Bugs Bunny cartoons and One Froggy Evening.
2.30 Motor 100. A compilation of two programmes shown in May celebrating 100 years of motoring.
3.45 Around the World in Seven Minutes and Four Times on Saturday. A nostalgic look at the world of Pathe and Movietone news.
4.35 Film: The Magnificent Ambersons" (1942) starring Joseph Cotten, Agnes Moorhead, Anne Baxter and Dolores Costello. Drama tracing the rise and fall of an American society family. Directed by Orson Welles.
6.00 Call My Bluff. Arthur Marshall is joined by Sue Arnold and Ian Ogilvy; Frank Muir by Jan Francis and Patrick Lichfield.
6.30 Film: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (1971) starring Gene Wilder, Jack Albertson and Peter Ostrum. A fantasy about a little boy who has his dream of owning a sweet factory come true. Directed by Mel Stuart.
8.05 Whistle Test 86. Rocking into the New Year with a host of stars from the pop music world beginning with The Band Aid Story. A film following the rise of Band Aid, from a germ in Bob Geldof's brain to its emergence as one of the principal forces of African famine relief.
9.15 Live Aid – The Concert. Highlights of the 16½ hour concert.
10.30 Video Video. The top videos of the year, chosen by Whistle Test viewers.
11.00 Double Header, beginning with Madness in concert at the Hammersmith Odeon, followed at 11.35 by King, live from Barrowlands, Glasgow.
12.10 Pick of the Year. Highlights from this year's Whistle Test series. Ends at approximately 1.45.

CHANNEL 4

2.30 Film: A Girl Must Live" (1939) starring Margaret Lockwood. Romantic comedy about a chorus girl who foils the gold-digging plans of two of her colleagues and wins the love of a wealthy young earl. Directed by Carol Read.
4.15 Museum. An award-winning documentary about what goes on behind the scenes in four United States museums – Washington's Museum of African Art; the Fogg Museum in Cambridge, Massachusetts; the Museum of Natural History in New York; and the Metropolitan Museum of Art, also in New York.
5.00 Bewitched. Darrin takes Italian conversation lessons in order to win a new account.
5.30 Steve Cram Joins the Supermillers. A documentary about the eleven athletes who have held the world mile record since Roger Bannister broke the four-minute mile barrier in May 1954 (Oracle).
6.30 News summary and weather followed by A Frame with Davis. Crossing cues with Steve Davis this evening are actor Bernard Bresslaw and author Leslie Thomas (Oracle).
7.00 It's a Long Way from Tipperary and Armagh. The Clancy Brothers and Tommy Makem reflect on 25 years in folk music.
8.00 Brookside. Harry joins Ralph and Julia at the Commonwealth Club for New Year's Eve celebrations and is pleasantly surprised.
8.30 Film: London Belongs to Me" (1948) starring Richard Attenborough, Alastair Sim, Faye Compton and Stephen Murray. Thriller, based on a best selling novel by Norman Collins, about a young motor mechanic who decides to earn a little extra by stealing a car. But misfortune strikes and he finds himself being tried for murder. Directed by Sidney Gilliat (Oracle).
10.30 Film: A Home of Your Own" (1964). A dialogue-less comedy about a young married couple's dream house, being built on a new estate. With Ronnie Barker.
11.20 At Last It's Hogmanay. An alternative celebration of Scotland's traditional festival, a long way from the White Heather Club style of entertainment. With Billy Connolly and Robbie Coltrane.
12.45 Close.

BBC 1

8.00 Ceefax AM.
8.30 The Pink Panther Show (r) 9.05 Mop and Smiff 9.20; The Littlest Hobo (r) 9.45. Why Don't You. . . Ideas for bored youngsters 10.10 The Hunter.
10.15 Play Chess. Bill Hartston with more advice for beginners 10.25 Ivor the Engine (r) 10.30 Play School. The guest storyteller is John Wells.
10.50 Edinburgh Military Tattoo 1985. Highlights of the colourful occasion held at Edinburgh Castle (r).
12.00 Birdwatch. The first of three live visits to Martin Mere where Tony Soper and Roger Lovegrove are inspecting the Arctic wildfowl who are visiting this bleak part of Lancashire. 12.10 Tom and Jerry. Cartoon.
12.20 Film: Dot and the Kangaroo (1977) An animated version of a 19th century Australian fantasy tale about the young daughter of a settler who is befriended by a kangaroo. Directed by Yoram Gross.
1.35 News with Frances Coverdale. Weather 1.45 Birdwatch. A further report from Tony Soper who is talking to Janet Kear, the curator of Martin Mere, the marshland reserve in Lancashire.
2.05 Ice Skating Special. The 1985 World Professional Figure Skating Championships from Washington. Highlights of the outstanding performances. Among those competing are Torvill and Dean, Robin Cousins and Toller Cranston. 2.50 Birdwatch. The third and final visit of the day to Martin Mere where Tony Soper is observing the variety of Arctic wildfowl.
3.15 Back to the Drawing Board. Ten teams in a competition in which they have to build a craft to negotiate a greasy ramp and cross 15 metres of water.
4.00 Paul Young in Concert. Recorded at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham (simultaneous broadcast with stereo Radio 1).
4.50 Final score.
5.05 News with Frances Coverdale. Weather.
5.20 The Circus World Championships from the Big Top at Torbay. The categories are high wire; supertroupe and speciality act; and juggling.
6.05 Film: Clash of the Titans (1981) starring Harry Hamlin, Laurence Olivier, Claire Bloom, Judi Bowker and Maggie Smith. Ray Harryhausen's special effects take the honours in this tale based on Greek mythology. Directed by Desmond Davis.
8.15 Last of the Summer Wine. A feature-length episode starring Bill Owen, Peter Sallis, and Michael Aldridge who plays Seymour, the character who has replaced Foggy. Compo and Cleg meet Uncle Seymour, a retired schoolmaster and inventor, when they attend Wesley's stag night (Ceefax).
9.40 News with Frances Coverdale. Weather.
9.55 Film: Rocky II (1979) starring Sylvester Stallone. Rocky Balboa is eventually goaded back into a re-match with Apollo Creed despite fears that he may be blinded if his eye receives further punishment. Directed by Sylvester Stallone.
11.50 Barry Manilow, recorded at the National Exhibition Centre (r).
12.40 Weather.

TV-am

7.00 Good Morning Britain: The Wide Awake Club Bank Holiday Special presented by Tommy Boyd. Arabella Warner and James Baker. Weather at 7.58 followed by news headlines at 8.00.

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9.25 Fraggle Rock. Adventures of a group of creatures who live beneath a lighthouse. (r).
9.50 Film: The Bugs Bunny/Road Runner Movie (1979). A compilation of part or whole of 24 cartoons.
11.25 Gymnastics '85. Dickie Davies presents a programme of highlights of the year's action including the British championships from Wembley and the World championships in Montreal. Plus the Thames Junior Gymnast competition.
12.30 Wish You Were Here . . . ? A repeat of Monday's programme in which Judith Chalmers reported from the Scottish Highlands; Anneka Rice from Africa; and Chris Kelly from Brittany (Oracle).
1.00 News with Martyn Lewis.
1.05 Film: The Ten Commandments (1956) starring Charlton Heston, Yul Bryner and Edward G. Robinson. A Cecil B. De Mille biblical epic telling the story of Moses.
5.00 News with Martyn Lewis.
5.05 A Royal Celebration of Youth. A variety concert to mark the end of the International Year of Youth and the begining of the International Year of Peace, recorded in December at the Harrogate Conference Centre, in the presence of The Queen. The line-up includes Rory Bremner, Geraint Evans, Vera Lynn, Alicia Markova, Jimmy Tarbuck and the National Youth Jazz Orchestra.
6.35 Crossroads. Sid is having trouble coping with Meve's illness.
7.00 Coronation Street. Following the disclosure of some disturbing facts, Ken Barlow confronts Susan (Oracle).
7.30 Des O'Connor Tonight. The entertainer's guests this evening are Michael Aspel, Pia Zadora, Karen Kay, Richard Clayderman, Rose Marie and Lonnie Shorr.
8.30 Mistral's Daughter, starring Stacy Keach, Lee Remick and Stefanie Powers. A three-part drama, to be shown on consecutive nights, based on the novel by Judith Krantz about three generations of women bound by their love for one man – passionate French painter, Julien Mistral. Set against the background of art and high fashion, the story spans 50 years, takes place on two continents, and begins in 1925 when a young Jewish girl runs away from her Provencal home to escape an arranged marriage. In Paris she becomes the model and lover of Mistral.
10.30 News with Martyn Lewis.
10.45 Vincent Price's Dracula. A compilation of clips from the most memorable Dracula films; dramatized extracts from the military career of Count Vlad the Impaler; and location footage from Transylvania.
11.45 Sonny Hayes and Co. Comedy and magic from Sonny Hayes and Sally Windross and friends.
12.15 Night Thoughts.





Thora Hird and Kathy Staff: Last of the Summer Wine (BBC 1, 8.15 pm). And Alastair Sim: The Happiest Days of Your Life (Channel 4, 3.25 pm).

BBC 2

9.00 Ceefax
10.30 Film: Huckleberry Finn (1974) A musical version of Mark Twain's novel starring Jeff East in the title role. Directed by J. Lee Thompson.
12.20 Color Rhapsody (r).
12.30 Racing from Cheltenham. Richard Pitman introduces coverage of the 12.45, 1.20, 1.55 and 2.30 races.
2.45 What's Up, Chuck? Animator Chuck Jones takes us on a conducted tour of an animation studio.
3.15 Film: Wonderful Life (1964) starring Cliff Richard. Musical tale of a singer turned stuntman who falls for a film's leading lady. Directed by Sidney J. Furie.
5.05 Ski Sunday Special. David Vine introduces coverage of the Men's Downhill from Schladming; Ron Pickering is at Garmisch-Partenkirchen for the second round of the Four Hills Ski Jumping Tournament.
5.40 Philip Larkin. A repeat of the Monitor programme first broadcast in 1964 in which the late poet made his one and only appearance in front of the television cameras.
6.10 New Year's Day Concert. The traditional New Year's morning concert from the Musikvereinsaal, Vienna, featuring music by the Strauss family. With the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra and the ballet of the Vienna State Opera.
7.25 Timewatch. From the Public Records Office in London Peter France introduces three films reflecting the way official records are preserved for future generations. Christopher Andrew examines how top secret documents came into Japanese hands a year before the fall of Singapore; Peter Ibbotson investigates how the authorities decide on which documents to keep; and Jeremy Black discovers how, in the early 18th century, the Post Office intercepted political mail.
8.15 Film: The Front Page (1974) starring Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau. A newspaper's star reporter hands in his notice but finds it difficult to leave. Set in 1929 Chicago. Directed by Billie Wilder.
9.55 Do They Mean Us. Derek Jameson selects his favourite excerpts from his series.
10.35 Film: Animal Crackers" (1930) starring The Marx Brothers. Madcap comedy from the zany quartet with the unfortunate Margaret Dumont on the receiving end once again. Directed by Victor Heerman.
12.10 Weather.

CHANNEL 4

11.00 American Football New England Patriots v New York Jets and the New York Giants against the San Francisco 49ers.
12.30 Baseball. Highlights of this year's World Series - between the St Louis Cardinals, and the Kansas City Royals.
2.00 Film: Waterloo Road" (1944) starring John Mills, Stewart Granger, Joy Shelton and Alastair Sim. Second World War drama about a soldier who goes absent without leave when he learns that his wife is having an affair with a spiv-like character. Directed by Sidney Gilliat.
3.25 Film: The Happiest Days of Your Life" (1950) starring Margaret Rutherford and Alastair Sim. Classic comedy about a girls' school and a boys' school who are billeted together during the Second World War due to a bureaucratic slip. With Joyce Grenfell. Directed by Frank Launder.
5.00 Film: The Custard Boys (1979) A repeat of the acclaimed film made by a group of 11 to 14-year olds from the Film Unit of the Forest Hill Comprehensive School. Directed by Colin Finbow.
6.30 News summary and weather followed by A Frame With Davis. Steve plays Chris Serle and comedian Bernie Winters (Oracle).
7.00 Mr Parnes Shillings and Pence. A film profile of Larry Parnes who, in the Fifties and Sixties, discovered and promoted the best of Britain's rock 'n' roll stars.
8.00 Blue Suede Shoes. Recorded at Limehouse Studios in London, a concert, headed by Carl Perkins, that includes George Harrison and Ringo Starr performing together for the first time since the mid-1970s, Eric Clapton and Dave Edmunds.
9.00 Unknown Chaplin. The first of a three-part series first shown on ITV in December 1982 featuring seldom before seen footage of Charlie Chaplin at work and at play.
10.00 Brigitte Bardot - My Own Story. Part one of a three-programme series tracing the life and times of one of the screen's most notable sirens.
11.00 The Comic Strip Presents...Consuela. Dawn French, Jennifer Saunders, Adrian Edmondson and Rik Mayall star in this tale of a newly married wife and her troubles with her husband's Spanish housemaid.
11.45 Persuaders. A documentary about the persuasive style of the controversial religious group Hare Krishna. Ends 12.45.

Radio 4

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5.55 Shipping; 6.00 News Briefing; Weather; 6.10 Farming Today (in Northern Ireland); 6.25 Prayer for the Day.†
6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News.
8.43 European Entries – The Common Market Papers of W Morgan Petty (part 2); 8.57 Weather.
9.00 News.
9.05 Tuesday Call: 01-580 4411: Star Gazing. Heather Couper, president of the British Astronomical Association, answers questions.
10.00 News; From Our Own Correspondent.
10.30 Morning Story: There's Money in Cards. Written and read by Henry Livings.
10.45 Daily Service.†
11.00 News: travel; Thirty Minute Theatre: Blues in Thirds by David Luck. With Nigel Anthony and Joanna Zorian.†
11.33 An Apple for the Teacher. A portrait of the year 1939 in Mary Bevan's brief life (r).†
12.00 News; You and Yours: Consumer quiz. This second semi-final has the Irish playing the Welsh.
12.27 My Word. Dilys Powell and Frank Muir challenge Antonia Fraser and Dennis Norden.
1.00 The World At One: News.
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping.
2.00 News: Woman's Hour looks ahead to the New Year.
3.00 News: The Afternoon Play. The Butterfly Bowl by Catherine L. Czerkawska. With Maureen Beattie and Billy McColl.†
4.00 News.
4.05 Talking About Arthur. Hugh Scully, Bernard Price and Pamela Howe remember Arthur Negus.
4.30 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine.
5.00 PM: News magazine; 5.50 Shipping; 5.55 Weather.
6.00 Six O'clock News.
6.30 Brogue Male. Sir Digby Snode and Hubert Carstairs thwart the forces of swarthy skulduggery (r).
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Cliff Michelmore previews the 32nd London International Boat Show.
8.00 Medicine Now. Geoff Watts on the health of medical care.
8.30 News Review of the Year. Phil Longman looks back.
9.30 Travelling Bass. Rodney Slatford on being a guest professor at the Peking Conservatoire (r).
9.45 Kaleidoscope: The Newcomers. Natalie Wheen looks back on 1985.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime. Vice Versa or 'A Lesson to the Fathers' by F. Anstey (2). Reader: David Davis.
10.30 The World Tonight.
11.15 News; The Wrenboys of Dingle. The wrenboys of Dingle and their preparations for the boisterous custom of hunting the wren on St Stephen's Day (r).
11.45 At The End of The Year. A meditation.
12.00 News; Weather 12.33 Shipping. VHF (available in England and S. Wales only) as above except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel. 1.55-2.00pm Listening Corner.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert: Bernstein's overture Candide (Los Angeles PO); Haydn's Symphony No 86 (Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields); Milhaud's Scaramouche (Christian Ivaldi and Noel Lee, pianos); Sarasate's Carmen Fantasy (Perlman, violin with the RPO).† 8.00 News.
8.05 Morning Concert (contd): Prokofiev's Symphony No 1 (LSO); Tartini's Sonata in G minor (The Devil's Trill) played by Amoyal, violin/Susan Moses, cello/and Eduardo Farina, harpsichord; Weber's Clarinet Concerto No 2 in E flat (Janet Hilton with the City of Birmingham SO).† 9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composer: Beethoven. Clarinet Trio in B flat Op 11 (Deinzer / Damus / Mandalka); the duet The Dream (Margaret Neville, soprano/Ian Partridge, tenor/Rostal/Cassado/Schroter Trio); Violin Sonata in G, Op 96 (Heifetz, violin and Emanuel Bay, piano).†
10.00 Music from Denmark: Nielsen's Symphonic Rhapsody (Danish RSO); J P E Hartmann's Three Character Pieces, Op 81 (String Orchestra); Gade's Capriccio in A minor (Kontra, violin and the Tivoli SO); Nielsen's Andante Lamentoso (Danish RSO).†
10.40 Widor: Mass for choir and two organs, Op 36, including the Praeludium, Adagio and Laudia Sion from Suite Latine, Op 86 (BBC Singers with Margaret Phillips and John Scott, organ).†
11.20 Wind Quintets: the Mladi Ensemble play Taffanel's in G minor and Damasa's 17 Variations, Op 22.†
12.00 Rozhdestvensky conducts Tchaikovsky: excerpts from Swan Lake (BBC SO)† 1.00 News.
1.05 Piano Trios: Raphael Trio play Haydn's in F sharp minor, H XV 28; and Brahms' in B major, Op8.†
2.00 Hindemith conducts Bach: the motet Singet dem Herrn, BWV 225 (Collegium Musicum of Yale/University School of Music).†
2.10 Scarlatti and Sebxs: Virginia Black (harpsichord) plays Scarlatti sonatas in C minor, B minor and B minor, Kk 363, 408 and 409), in F minor and A major, Kk 466 and 24; and Sebxs's Toccata in D minor; Sonata in A major; and Toccata in G minor.†
2.45 Vespers for the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel: includes Handel's Dixit Dominus; Te decus virginem (Taverner Choir/European Baroque Orchestra/soloists).† 4.55 News.
5.00 Tchaikovsky: A Fateful Gift (6): Rococo and Neo-Classical Stylisations. With Mike Gwilym as the composer (r).†
6.00 Chopin: piano recordings by Maria Argerich.†
6.30 Gabriel from Heven King: Carols for Christmas and the New Year (Hilliard Ensemble).†
7.00 Quasimodo in Trainers: Peter Hennessy gives a runner's view of the Snowdonia Marathon.
7.45 Bruckner: Vienna Philharmonic under Sawallisch play the Symphony No 1.†
8.35 Pop Song and Bacchanal: William Nighy reads Frank Sugg's short story.
8.45 A Winter's Journey: Schubert't Die Winterreise, performed by Peter Schreier (tenor) and Anthony Spiri (piano).†
10.00 Jazz Today: Charles Fox examines some trends in 1985.†
11.00 String Quartets of Dvorak: Cypress Quartet No 9; and Quartet in E flat, Op 51 (Lindsay String Quartet).†
11.40 Are You Still Awake? Russell Davies's dialogue is performed by Martin Jarvis and Rosalind Ayres (r).
11.57 News. 12.00 Big Ben welcomes in the New Year. Closedown at 12.03.

Radio 2

4.00am Colin Berry.† 6.00 Dave Bussey.† 8.05 Ken Bruce.† 10.30 Jimmy Young plus medical questions answered by Dr Mike Smith. 1.05pm David Jacobs.† 2.00 Anna Ford.† 3.30 Music All the Way † 4.00 David Hamilton † 6.00 John Dunn † 8.00 Ian Wooldridge's Sporting Year 1985 † 9.00 BBC Radio Orchestra. (Tracy Miller and Nick Curtis are guest vocal duo). 10.00 The News Huddlines Christmas Cracker. 10.30 Ray Moore sees out the old year and brings in the new (stereo from 11.30) incl 12.00 Big Ben. 1.00am Charles Nove presents Nightride † 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music †

Radio 1

5.00am Adrian John. 7.30 Mike Read including Radio 1 DJs' New Year's resolutions for 1986. 9.30 Simon Bates. 12.30pm Newsbeat (Frank Partridge). 12.45 Gary Davies with Top 40 discs. 3.0 Steve Wright. 5.30 Newsbeat 85. Includes a look back at 1985. 7.30-1.00am Janice Long and John Peel's New Year's Eve party (stereo 9.00-11.30pm. 9.15* Live Aid – The Concert. 10.30* Video Video. 11.00 Madness in concert. 11.30 Janice and John see out the old and bring in the new. 12.00 Big Ben.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 7.00 News. 7.09 Twenty-four Hours. 7.30 Persons Grata. 7.45 Network UK. 8.00 News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Development. 8.30 Beethoven and the Violin. 9.00 News. 9.08 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 What's New. 10.00 News. 10.01 Discovery. 10.30 Hello Out There. 11.00 News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 Waveguide. 11.25 A Letter From Scotland. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Super Bugs. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 News. 1.09 Twenty-four Hours. 1.30 Network UK. 1.45 Recording of the Week. 2.00 News. 2.01 Outlook's Review of the Year. 2.45 Sounds of Strings. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 A Jolly Good Show. 4.00 News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Omnibus. 4.45 The World Today. 5.00 News. 5.09 A Letter From Scotland. 5.15 Film Star. 5.00 News. 8.09 Twenty-four Hours. 9.15 Concert Hall. 10.00 News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 A Letter From Scotland. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Sing Gospel. 11.30 Watchnight Service. 12.00 Chime and Full Strike of Big Ben. 12.01 News. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Omnibus. 1.00 News. 1.01 Outlook's Review of the Year. 1.45 Country Style. 2.00 News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Sex and Violence and Opera. 2.30 Hello Out There. 3.00 News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 Discovery. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 Waveguide. 4.40 Book Choice. 5.45 The World Today

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† Stereo. ★ Black and white (r) Repeat

Radio 4

On long wave. †also VHF stereo

5.55 Shipping 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer.†
6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.00, 8.00 News 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day.
8.43 European Entries – The Common Market Papers of W Morgan Petty (part 3) 8.57 Weather.
9.00 News.
9.05 The Secret Life of The Romanza. Nigel Farrell visits the cruise ship Romanza to see how the crew will cope with the rough and tumble of a calm Mediterranean cruise – and each other.
10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time. Experts answer questions from Brackley and District Allotment Association and Evenley Gardening Society, Northamptonshire.
10.30 Morning Story: The First Day by Oswald Stacey Reader: Sean Barrett.
10.45 Daily Service (New Every Morning, page 118).†
11.00 News; Travel: The Year Ahead. BBC news correspondents attempt to predict the main issues of the year ahead.
11.48 Enquire within. Nat Landor sorts out listeners' queries.
12.00 News; You and Yours: Consumer quiz. The final of a lighthearted test of consumer rights and wrongs.
12.27 The Mystery of the Blue Train (new series) by Agatha Christie, in six parts (1r)†12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping.
2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Includes an interview with the playwright and stage director Ray Cooney.
3.00 News: The Afternoon Play. A Woman of No Importance by Alan Bennett. An acclaimed performance by Patricia Routledge as a non-entity (r).†
3.47 Time for Verse. Compiled and presented by Anne Stevenson.
4.00 News.
4.05 Christmas Under Capricorn. Barry Paine explores the Great Barrier Reef in Australia (r).
4.45 Kaleidoscope: Oblique Strategies. Brian Eno, former rock star, turned composer, producer and video painter, talks to Michael Oliver.
5.00 PM: News magazine 5.50 Shipping 5.55 Weather.
6.00 News
6.30 Transatlantic Quiz. Irene Thomas and John Julius Norwich challenge a United States team, writer Shana Alexander and Brendan Gill. (new series).
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Hans Christian Andersen. A portrait by Lynn ten Kate.
7.45 Choices for Voices Robert Lloyd, operatic bass, talks to some of his colleagues about singing.†
8.15 You'll Never be 16 again. Last of seven programmes about the evolution of the British teenager. 'Don't You Want Me?' Young people live for today.
9.00 Thirty-Minute Theatre. 'Blues in Thirds' by David Luck. With Nigel Anthony and Joanna Zorian (r).
9.30 The Enthusiasts. Allan Smith visits a group who lovingly rescue, restore and play once-great cinema organs called the mighty wurlitzers.
9.45 Kaleidoscope: Lisa Appignanesi reports on the use of the computer in art.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: Vice Versa or A Lesson to the Fathers' by F Anstey (3). Read by David Davis.
10.30 The World Tonight.
11.15 News; Orca: A whale Called Killer. Mike Bigg, John Ford and Peter Evans consider the natural history of the sea monster (r).
12.00 News; Weather.
12.33 Shipping.
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Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Morning concert: Offenbach's overture La fille du tambour major (Philharmonia); Chabrier's Souvenirs de Brunenaut (Barbizet, piano); Lully's suite Le bourgeois gentilhomme (Scottish Baroque Ensemble); Les maries de la Tour Eiffel (by Auric, Honegger, Milhaud, Poulenc and Tailleferre, played by the Philharmonia). 8.00 News.
8.05 Concert (contd): Elgar's Introduction and Allegro Op 47 (Sinfonia of London/Allegri String Quartet); Handel's Music for Royal Fireworks (Cleveland Symphonic Winds); Bridge's Sally in our alley (RIAS Sinfonietta); Britten's Young Person's Guide to Orchestra (LSO). 9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composer: Beethoven: the overture Prometheus (Vienna PO); The Russian Songs (Loose, soprano; Klemen, baritone; and instrumental soloists); Quartet in F, Op 59 No 1 (Vegh Quartet).
10.00 New Year's Day Concert: from the Main Hall of the Musikverein, Vienna. Vienna Philharmonic is conducted by Maazel. Part two at 11.10, with interval reading at 10.50.
12.15 Ingrid Haebler: piano recital. Schubert's Four Impromptus, D 899. 1.00 News.
1.05 The LPO (under Boult). With Janet Baker (mezzo) and John Alldis Choir. Elgar's overture Froissart; Brahms's Alto Rhapsody; Elgar's Symphony No. 1.
2.30 Boston Symphony Chamber Players: with Jan DeGaetani (mezzo), Gilbert Kalish (piano). Mozart's Divertimento in E flat, K 452; Dallapiccola's Divertimento in quattro esercizi; Mozart's Divertimento in E flat, K 563.
4.00 Choral Evensong: from Winchester College. The organist is Christopher Tolley. 4.55 News.
5.00 New Year's Day Choice: Bach's Concerto in D minor, BWV 1043 (the Oistakhs, violin and LPO); Respighi's Adoration of the Magi (Argo CO); Haydn's Sonata in F, H XV 1 29 (Richter, piano); Finzi's Nocturne, New Year Music (LSO); Elgar's Starlight Express, excerpts (Glover, soprano; Lawrenson, baritone; Bournemouth Sinfonietta); Prokofiev's Visions fugitives (Richter, piano); Casella's Serenata (Nash Ensemble).
7.00 Bach: Christmas Oratorio. Cantata for New Year's Day (Collegium St Emmeram and Regensburger Domspatzen).
7.30 The Figaro Plays: One Mad Day, or Marriage of Figaro. Translated from the Beaumarchais original by John Wells. With Nickolas Grace, Alison Steadman, Michael Aldridge, Jean Boht, John McAndrew, Gary Bond, Peter Pratt, Dorothy Tutin, Moir Leslie, Michael Bilton, John Wells, Peter Acre, Michael Jenner, Helena Breck and Narissa Knights.
10.40 French Music: Cynthia Buchan (mezzo), BBC Philharmonic (under Handford). Ravel's suite Ma mère l'oye; Berlioz's song cycle Les nuits d'été; Debussy's Three symphonic sketches: La mer.
11.57 News. 12.00 Closedown.

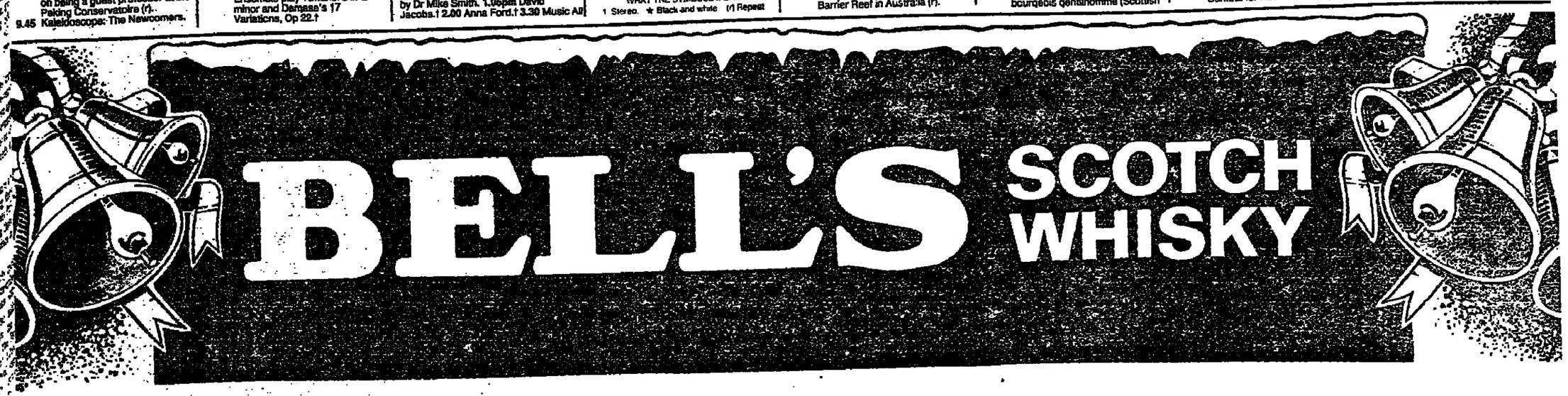
Radio 2

4.00 am Colin Berry.† 6.00 DaveBussey.† 8.05 David Hamilton.† 10.00 Desmond Carrington celebrates the New Year.† 12.00 Ray Connitt talks to Ray Moore.† 1.00 pm Anna Ford. 3.00 New Year's Day Sports Special. Includes Arsenal v Tottenham, West Ham v Chelsea and in Scotland Celtic v Rangers. Rugby League: (Slalom Lager Championship). 5.30 John Dunn. 7.00 An Evening With George Fame with guests Denise Nolan and Bobby Harrison. 8.00 Elaine Paige in Concert † 8.45 Big Band Special (BBC Big Band * 9.15 Listen to the Band. Charlie Chester introduces Desford Colliery Dowty Band. 10.00 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). 1.00 am Charles Nove presents Nightride.† 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music.

Radio 1

6.00 am Adrian John. 7.30 Mike Read. 9.30 Simon Bates's Solid Gold. 12.30 pm Newsbeat (Janet Trewin). 12.35 Gary Davies (stereo from 1.10) 2.00 Steve Wright.† 4.00 Paul Young.† 4.50 Bruno Brookes. Incl 5.30-5.35 Newsbeat (Ian Whiteley). 7.00 Janice Long. 10.00-12.00 John Peel.

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Westland to put European offer to shareholders

By Judith Huntley and Philip Webster

The board of Westland, the troubled helicopter company, has opened the door to the rival £73.1 million rescue package from the European consortium of aircraft companies backed by Mr Michael Heseltine, the Secretary of State for Defence.

The board, which met yesterday, has agreed to pass on the European offer to its shareholders before their extraordinary meeting on January 14. It rivals a £72.2 million bid by Sikorsky of the United States and Fiat of Italy.

The Westland board will recommend the offer it favours to shareholders, before the crucial meeting.

It is asking Lloyds Merchant Bank, advising the European consortium consisting of GEC, British Aerospace, MBB of West Germany, Agusa of Italy, and Aerospatiale of France, to condense its offer into one clear-cut package for shareholders – a move which took Lloyds by surprise.

Supporters of the European bid welcomed the decision to send it to shareholders. But they voiced suspicion and surprise last night over the decision to ask Lloyds to repackage the offer, fearing that this would cause unnecessary delay and further limit the time the shareholders would be given to study the European offer.

Mr Barry Horne, managing director of Lloyds, said last night the board should have acted yesterday to recommend the consortium's bid.

"No one seems to dispute that as far as workload is concerned, our offer is better. I fail to see why they did not recommend our offer today," he said.

"I don't see any step forward by what has happened today."

The Prime Minister, Mrs Thatcher, has not yet accepted Mr Heseltine's request for a special meeting of senior ministers to look again at the rival offers.

Last night Mr Denzil Davies, Labour's defence spokesman, called on the Prime Minister to call a Cabinet meeting to determine the Government's view on Westland.

If she did not call a Cabinet meeting she would by implication be favouring the American bid, he said.

Westland will not make a decision on which offer to recommend until it has had a reply from Mrs Thatcher on the position on Ministry of Defence orders for the company in the event of it accepting the Sikorsky/Fiat offer.

Westland said last night that it is still not very happy with the offers of work from the Europeans. They are offering Westland firm promises of 1.5 million man hours of work over three years and 1.8 million man hours of work from six Sea King helicopters. In addition the consortium is offering Westland involvement in three joint European ventures.

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More troops for Ulster

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estimated 1,000 workers have been laid off.

Mr James Molyneaux, leader of the Official Unionists, yesterday welcomed the strengthening of defences along the border. But he added: "My reaction is one of surprise. I am sure it will be shared by all citizens of the United Kingdom who were promised at the time of the signing of the agreement that security would be improved by the Dublin Government to the extent that terrorism would be snuffed out. It looks as though the Government did not believe that."

The IRA had been encouraged by the signing of the agreement which they regarded as a surrender that would not have come about had they not been engaged in terrorism for the past 15 or 16 years, he said.

But Mr King, in the radio interview, said that to pretend that the campaign of terrorism would stop overnight because the agreement was signed was rubbish "and people know it is rubbish". The IRA was worried about the signing of the agreement and saw it as a threat.

Honours crown year of the hospice

By Colin Hughes

The four honours awarded in the new year list to active members of the hospice movement caps its most successful year in bringing care of the terminally ill and dying to public attention.

Behind the year of the hospice, which has brought general esteem to a formerly little-acknowledged branch of the voluntary sector, lies a swell of pressure and fund-raising generated by the Duchess of Norfolk and leading members of the medical establishment.

They joined 18 months ago in concern for better facilities to alleviate pain and suffering, and to enable dying people to live their last days in full.

Their efforts led, during the past year, to several visits by the Prince and Princess of Wales to hospices, a visit to St Christopher's in Sydenham, south London, by the Prime Minister, a charity show by Torvill and Dean, the ice skaters, attended by 9,000 people at Wembley in the spring, and a series of prominent ITN programmes featuring the Duchess of Kent at Helen House hospice in Oxford, the only centre for dying children.

In May last year the Duchess of Norfolk became the first co-chairman of a new national charity, Help the Hospices, formed to promote awareness of the movement's work, a move which led eventually to a Government-sponsored conference on December 3 attended by 1,200 people.

The result has been a huge growth in charitable donations, with Help the Hospices raising more than £500,000 for training hospice staff in its first year, and a marked shift in the Government's attitude to health service funding of existing and new hospices.

Although two hospices were established in England at the turn of the century, the Roman Catholic St Joseph's in Hackney, north-east London and Trinity House, run by Evangelicals in Clapham, south London, the first modern hospice was St Christopher's, built by the movement's founder, Dame Cicely Saunders, in 1967.

Since then the number of hospices has grown to 90, with nearly 2,000 beds, only 20 of which are health service-funded.

Nearly 40 more are being built, by which time almost every sizeable town will have a hospice, ranging from the smallest five-bed unit in Wigan greater Manchester, to St Joseph's, with 55, where the Duchess of Norfolk began her fund-raising campaign.

She said yesterday that other organizations, particularly the National Society for Cancer Relief, the Marie Curie Foundation and Sue Ryder Homes, had raised money before.

"It was felt that we should turn to creating a national body to knock on the right doors and get the right people interested so that everyone knew the work that was going on. That's what made 1985 such a successful year."

The movement was given greater impetus by a shift in medical attitudes, marked by the British Medical Association conference in 1983, which recognized publicly for the first time that provision for dying people was inadequate.

The Duchess said: "So many people now have relatives or friends who have died, mostly of cancer, who have found that the hospital general ward is not the place to die in. Nurses and doctors there are wonderful, but they are trained to cure."



The Princess of Wales sharing a joke with a patient at St Joseph's Hospice, Hackney, London.



The Duchess of Norfolk talking with another patient at St Joseph's.

Bradford fire heroes honoured

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team of doctors treated dozens of badly burnt spectators, and a BEM for Mr Joseph Greig, a sub officer with the West Yorkshire fire service, who was in charge of the first appliance to arrive at the burning football stadium.

Mr Greig suffered two broken ribs but carried on working and "showed leadership and bravery above and beyond the normal call of duty".

Also honoured are Mr John Settle, director of the Yorkshire burns centre at Wakefield, (OBE), Mr Eugene King, a divisional officer with Yorkshire ambulance service, Miss Barbara Steele, assistant director of nursing services at Bradford Royal Infirmary (MBEs), and Mr Stanley Newton, head porter at the Royal Infirmary (BEM).

The knighthood conferred on Mr Reece, a former advertising executive who was publicity director at Conservative Central Office for a few months last year, is likely to arouse political controversy.

He is said to have been the mastermind in changing Mrs Thatcher's image by persuading her to talk in a lower voice, appear relaxed before television cameras and change her hairstyle. He is now advising Westland, the ailing helicopter manufacturer.

There are proportionately more women included in this honours list than in past years and among them are Mrs Elizabeth David (CBE), the cookery expert

Mrs Betty Kenward, aged 78 and doyenne of the gossip writers, who has written about nine million words in a regular column for the *Harpers and Queen* magazine over the past 40 years, is created MBE, and Mrs Kate Losinska, a staunch trade union moderate and president of Civil and Public Services Association, is appointed OBE.

The Prime Minister has singled out workers in the hospice movement who care for the dying for several awards. With the Princess of Wales, Mrs Thatcher has taken a special interest in hospices, and believes that their caring work should be fully recognized.

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Today's events

New exhibitions

Contemporary Japanese Sculpture (ends Feb 16); The Japanese Garden: its beauties and traditions (ends Feb 26); Contemporary examples of Raku ceramics (ends Jan 26); Barbican Centre, EC2; Tues to Sat 10 to 7, Sun 12 to 6.

Last chance to see

Finds from Sewingshields Milecastle, Hadrian's Wall; Museum of Antiquities, Newcastle University, 10 to 5.

Music

Viennese evening: Concert by the London Symphony Orchestra; Barbican Hall, Barbican Centre, 7.45.

Hogmanay music with the Caledonian Highlanders; National Theatre, South Bank, 6.15.

Talks, lectures, films

Toy sellers and jumping jacks, by Claire Plumb; Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood, Cambridge Heath Rd, E2, 2.30.

The age of dinosaurs, by Joyce Pope; Natural History Museum, Cromwell Rd, 3.

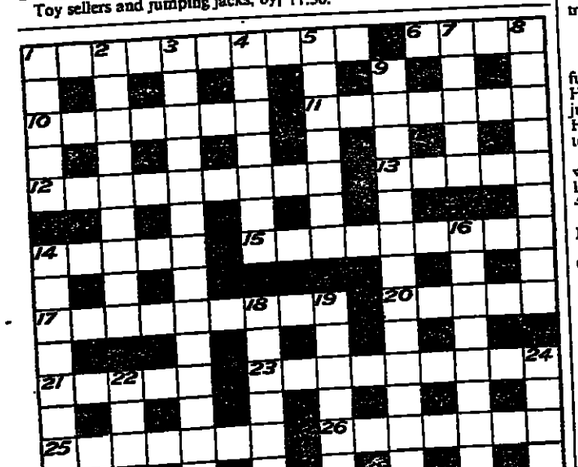
Light, sight and colour – talk with demonstrations by Anthony Wilson for children aged 8 to 12; Science Museum, South Kensington, SW7, 3.

Asterix and Cleopatra – Building a Pyramid (film); Lecture Theatre, British Museum, Great Russell St, 11 and 3.

General

Christmas activities for children at the Royal Palaces: Quizzes based on the State Apartments and the Court Dress Collection, Kensington Palace State Apartments, 10 to 1 and 2 to 4.30; Make an architectural frieze, 10 to 1; Seventeenth century music, 2 to 4; both at the Banqueting House, Whitehall.

Children's tours, start from the Rotunda, Tate Gallery, Millbank, 11.30.



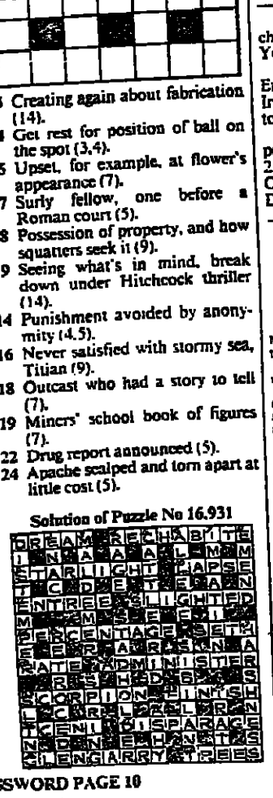
ACROSS

1 S American flower picture in book causes battle (5,5).
6 Divine maiden's sound repetition (4).
10 Display the Prince of Wales's feathers, for example (7).
11 Piece of elastic enforcing a strict control of the stomach (7).
12 Cook a tongue – it makes a picnic (6,3).
13 Restraint characteristic of writer, perhaps (5).
14 Fancy cake before four? It's not important (5).
15 Sage – one with an enthusiasm for religious doctrine (9).
17 He had a hundred once – at Dover, perhaps (9).
20 Prying? The answer could be yes and no (5).
21 Took the underground back to Bow? (5).
23 I'm Clio, the creator of expository discourse (9).
25 One's lover is said to have been an American dancer (7).
26 Got out of bed and took food, being over-optimistic (7).
27 Company makes its mark with this (4).
28 Boycott wool manufacturer – he's a disgrace to the group (5,5).

DOWN

1 Anna contributes to this denomination (5).
2 Pontoon no help in bridge (5-2-2).
3 Creating again about fabrication (14).
4 Get rest for position of ball on the spot (3,4).
5 Upset, for example, at flower's appearance (7).
7 Surly fellow, one before a Roman court (5).
8 Possession of property, and how squatters seek it (9).
9 Seeing what's in mind, break down under Hitchcock thriller (14).
14 Punishment avoided by anonymity (4,5).
16 Never satisfied with stormy sea, Titian (9).
18 Outcast who had a story to tell (7).
19 Miners' school book of figures (7).
22 Drug report announced (5).
24 Apache scalped and torn apart at little cost (5).

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Tomorrow

Music

Funtasia 1986 – music and stories for children aged 5 to 11 with Ann Rachlin (story-teller) and the London Symphony Orchestra, 3; Viennese evening: Concert by the London Symphony Orchestra, 7.45; Barbican Hall, Barbican Centre, EC2.

Orignal music of the Grand Hotels in the 1930's with the Starlight Trio: Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, 12.30.

Viennese waltzes, polkas and marches by the Strauss family and others by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra; Bournemouth International Centre, Windsor Hall, 3.

Organ recital by David Trendell; Norwich Cathedral, 11.

Concert by the Manchester Camerata; Free Trade Hall, Manchester, 3.30.

The magic of Vienna: Concert by the BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra: St David's Hall, Cardiff, 7.30.

General

Hungover – Hampstead Heath: fun run with the London Hash House Harriers, start car park at junction of Downshire Hill and East Heath Rd, NW5, 5.30 (bring a torch!).

Family Days – films and workshops; Whitechapel Art Gallery, Whitechapel High St, E1, 11 to 4 daily (until Jan 4).

Antiques fair; Town Hall, Bakewell, Derbyshire, 10.to 5.

Flea Market; York Racecourse Grandstand, 10.30 to 5.

New Years Holiday Steaming; Dinting Railway Centre, Dinting, Glossop, Derbyshire, 10.30 to 5.

32nd London International Boat Show; Earls Court; Mon to Fri 10 to 8, Sat and Sun 10 to 7 (until Jan 12).

Cheap-rate calls

British Telecom is extending its cheap-rate period to cover the New Year holiday.

Cheap rate calls for customers in England, Wales and Northern Ireland will be available from 6 pm tonight until 8 am on January 2.

In Scotland, the cheap-rate period, which began on December 23, ends at 8 am on January 6. Operator services on New Year's Day in Scotland will be restricted.

Portfolio

Portfolio – how to play

Monday–Saturday record your daily Portfolio total.

Add these together to determine your weekly Portfolio total.

If your total matches the published weekly dividend figure you have won outright or a share of the prize money stated for that week, and must claim your price as instructed below.

How to claim

Telephone The Times Portfolio claims line 0254-53272 between 10.00 am and 3.30 pm, on the day your overall total matches The Times Portfolio Dividend. No claims can be accepted outside these hours.

You must have your card with you when you telephone.

If you are unable to telephone someone else can claim on your behalf but they must have your card and call The Times Portfolio claims line between the stipulated times.

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● Rules will appear again in Friday's paper.

Books – novels

The Literary Editor's selection of the year's fiction.
Black Robe, by Brian Moore (Cape, £8.95)
But for Bunter, by David Hughes (Heinemann, £8.95)
Gentlemen in England, by AN Wilson (Hamish Hamilton, £9.95)
Hiroshima Joe, by Martin Booth (Hutchinson, £9.95)
Light Years, by Maggie Gee (Faber, £9.95)
Paradise Postponed, by John Mortimer (Viking, £9.95)
Quinx, or the Ripper's Tale, by Laurence Durrell (Faber, £8.95)
Stone Virgin, by Barry Unsworth (Hamish Hamilton, £8.95)
The Italian Lesson, by Janice Elliot (Hodder & Stoughton, £8.95)
The Swimming Pool Season, by Rose Tremain (Hamish Hamilton, £8.95) PH

Sales

In progress

C & A (Brent Cross); Aquascutum; Army & Navy (Victoria); Austin Reed (all branches); British Home Stores; Burberry; D H Evans (all branches); Dickins & Jones (Regent Street & Richmond); Fenwicks; Jaeger (all branches); Liberty; Scotch House (all branches); Selfridges; Simpsons; Laura Ashley (all branches); Debenhams (all branches); Halfords; Fortnum and Mason; Heals, Lillywhites; John Lewis (all branches); Buyers & Sellers Ltd.

Provincial

Liverpool: Binns, George Henry Lee; Bristol: Dingles, Woolworths, John Lewis; Bath: Woolworths, Owen and Owen, Jolly's; Edinburgh: John Lewis, Jenners; Sheffield: Debenhams, Atkinsons; Edinburgh: Goldbergs, Frasers, By Jane; Preston: Speights (Ladies fashions);

Anniversaries

TODAY

Henri Matisse was born, Le Cateau, 1869. Deaths: John Wycliffe, Protestant reformer, Lutterworth, Leicestershire, 1384; John Flamsteed, first astronomer royal, Greenwich, 1719; Miguel de Unamuno y Jugo, writer, Salamanca, 1936; Sir Malcolm Campbell, Reigate, Surrey, 1948.

TOMORROW

Maria Edgeworth, writer, was born, Blackbourton, Oxfordshire, 1767.; Deaths: William Wycherley, dramatist, London, 1716; James, the Old Pretender, son of James II, Rome, 1766; Heinrich Hertz, physicist, Bonn, 1894; Sir Edwin Landseer Lutyens, architect, London, 1944; Maurice Chevalier, Paris, 1972. *The Daily Universal Register* was founded by John Walter, 1785, changing its title to *The Times* on January 1, 1788.

Holiday travel

Rail

New Year's Eve: Tuesday service with some business trains cancelled; extra services on some routes particularly to Scotland; no overnight trains.

New Years's Day: In England and Wales a Wednesday service will operate on most lines from around 8am; some local lines will have a Sunday or no service; no trains at all in Scotland.

January 2: Thursday service, with relief trains, in England and Wales. In Scotland a limited service will operate on main routes only.

Road

The Midlands: M5: Roadworks W of Birmingham between junctions 2 (A123 Birmingham & Oldbury) and junction 3 (A456 Halesowen and Birmingham W); two lanes open in each direction.

Wales and West: M62/M602: Widening of the M62 to three lanes at Eccles Interchange, N of Barton high level bridge. A48: Construction of Tarporley bypass N & S of Tarporley, Cheshire. A56: Crossflow on the Malton bypass; delays in peak periods.

Scotland: Lothian: East Main St and Whitburn Rd closed because of gas leak; diversions and delays. Tay Bridge: Southbound lane restrictions; slow at busy times. A87: Bridge damage at Dornie; single line traffic. Ross and Cromarty.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.21	2.07
Austria Sch	25.00	24.66
Belgium Fr	75.80	72.00
Canada $	2.08	1.99
Denmark Kr	13.45	12.75
Finland Mkk	8.10	7.70
France Fr	11.26	10.71
Germany DM	3.68	3.50
Greece Dr	265.00	255.00
Hong Kong $	11.50	11.00
Ireland Pt	1.205	1.145
Italy Lire	2815.00	2385.00
Japan Yen	303.00	287.00
Netherlands Gld	4.14	3.94
Norway Kr	11.53	10.78
Portugal Esc	255.00	222.00
South Africa Rd	4.10	3.85
Spain Pta	229.50	217.50
Sweden Kr	11.55	10.80
Switzerland Fr	3.11	2.95
USA $	1.50	1.43
Yugoslavia Dnr	560.00	480.00

London: The *FT* index closed up 9.7 at 1130.0.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5 pm) –	°C
AUSTRIA							
Igls	0	30	worn	spring	closed	snow	0
Some good skiing							
ST ANTON	50	110	fair	heavy	art	snow	2
New snow on icy base							
Solden	30	60	good	powder	good	fine	-2
New snow on firm base							
FRANCE							
Flaine	37	50	fair	varied	fair	cloud	-7
More snow needed							
La Plagne	65	125	fair	powder	fair	cloud	-3
Powder on N facing slopes							
Morzine	5	30	fair	heavy	poor	cloud	-1
Fresh snow on upper slopes							
Tignes	40	120	fair	varied	poor	fine	-8
New snow on old base							
Val Thorens	25	35	good	varied	fair	fine	6
New snow on worn base							
SWITZERLAND							
Davos	40	120	good	powder	closed	snow	-1
40cm powder snow							
Verbier	20	60	fair	powder	rocky	cloud	-3
Good snow with bare patches							
Wengen	5	20	fair	fair	fair	snow	-6
Conditions improving							
Zermatt	15	50	good	powder	closed	fine	-6
Goragrat and Trifta skiable							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes U to upper slopes and art=artificial. Other snow reports page 21.

Weather

London, SE England, East Anglia: Mainly cloudy, a little sleet or snow in places; winds S or SE fresh; max temp 4C (39F).

Central S, central N, NE England, W Midlands: Cloudy, occasional rain perhaps some snow at first, especially over hills; winds S, fresh or strong; max temp 7C (45F).

E Midlands, E England: Cloudy, rain, sleet or snow at times, hill fog; winds S, fresh or strong; max temp 5C (41F).

Channel Islands, SW, NW England, Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man: Cloudy, rain at times, some clear intervals later; winds S, strong or gale becoming W fresh; max temp 8C (48F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney: Mainly cloudy, rain at times, hill fog; winds S or SE strong or gale, becoming S, fresh; max temp 5C (41F).

SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll: Cloudy, rain at times, clearer later with scattered showers; winds SE, Strong or gale, becoming S fresh; max temp 7C (45F).

Shetland: Scattered snow showers, more general sleet or snow later; winds SE, fresh or strong; max temp 3C (37F).

Northern Ireland: Rain clearing, sunny intervals, isolated showers; winds SW, fresh; max temp 8C (46F).

Outlook: for tomorrow and Thursday: Unsettled with rain at times and sleet or snow at first in the E; windy.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind S or SW strong or gale rain, sleet or snow; visibility moderate or locally poor; sea very rough. English Channel (E): Wind S gale or severe gale becoming W fresh or strong; rain then showers; visibility moderate becoming good; sea very rough. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind SW strong or gale showers; visibility mainly good; sea rough or very rough.





High tides

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TOMORROW	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.06	6.7	4.33	6.8	London Bridge	4.41	6.6	5.12	6.8
Aberdeen	3.49	3.9	3.42	4.1	Aberdeen	4.31	3.9	4.26	4.1
Avonmouth	9.23	12.1	9.55	11.8	Avonmouth	10.06	12.1	10.36	11.7
Belfast	1.10	3.0	1.31	3.5	Belfast	1.54	3.1	2.15	3.3
Cardiff	9.14	11.3	9.40	11.0	Cardiff	9.54	11.2	10.20	10.9
Devonport	7.57	5.2	8.19	4.9	Devonport	8.27	5.2	8.54	4.9
Dover	1.09	5.3	1.19	6.1	Dover	1.48	6.3	2.02	6.9
Falmouth	7.27	5.0	7.49	4.7	Falmouth	7.57	5.0	8.24	4.7
Glasgow	3.10	4.3	3.07	4.9	Glasgow	3.49	4.3	3.37	5.1
Harwich	1.55	3.7	2.25	3.8	Harwich	2.37	3.7	3.09	3.8
Holyhead	12.37	5.0	12.43	5.3	Holyhead	1.13	5.0	1.26	5.2
Hull	8.44	6.8	8.48	6.9	Hull	9.25	6.7	9.29	6.8
Ilfracombe	8.13	8.5	8.40	8.2	Ilfracombe	8.56	8.4	9.22	8.0
Leith	4.58	5.1	5.16	5.1	Leith	5.41	5.0	6.01	5.1
Liverpool	1.21	8.6	1.37	8.7	Liverpool	2.02	8.5	2.18	8.7
Lowestoft	12.10	2.2	11.50	2.4	Lowestoft			12.50	2.1
Margate	2.09	4.5	2.34	4.5	Margate	2.48	4.5	3.15	4.5
Milford Haven	8.36	6.5	9.00	6.2	Milford Haven	9.17	6.4	9.42	6.1
Newquay	7.28	6.5	7.53	6.3	Newquay	8.10	6.4	8.36	6.1
Oban	7.40	3.8	8.09	3.5	Oban	8.28	3.7	9.06	3.4
Penzance	7.00	5.3	7.23	4.9	Penzance	7.32	5.3	8.01	4.8
Portland	9.00	2.0	9.45	1.7	Portland	9.35	2.0	10.23	1.7
Portsmouth	1.41	4.3	1.48	4.2	Portsmouth	2.24	4.3	2.51	4.2
Shoreham	2.00	5.8	2.16	5.7	Shoreham	2.00	5.8	2.16	5.7
Sheerness	1.21	5.8	1.33	5.7	Sheerness	1.50	4.2	1.54	4.2
Southampton	1.10	4.2	1.13	4.2	Southampton	2.15	6.6	9.36	6.3
Sunderland	3.37	6.7	3.53	6.4	Sunderland	4.19	6.6	4.52	6.3
Swansea	6.05	4.8	6.10	5.2	Swansea	6.49	4.8	6.52	5.1
Tees	1.51	3.9	2.18	3.9	Tees	2.23	3.8	2.57	3.9
Walton-on-Naze					Walton-on-Naze				

TODAY: Sun rises: 8.08 am; Sun sets: 4.01 pm; Moon sets: 10.55 am; Moon rises: 9.32 pm. Last quarter: January 3.

TOMORROW: Sun rises: 8.08 am; Sun sets: 4.02 pm; Moon sets: 11.12 am; Moon rises: 9.51 pm. Last quarter: January 3.

Around Britain

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F		Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F
Scarboro	–	.01	9	48	Cloudy	2.1	.02	8	46	Cloudy
Bridlington	–	.06	9	48	Cloudy	–	.27	9	48	Rain pm
Cromer	1.8	.02	7	45	Cloudy	–	.15	9	48	Rain
Lowestoft	2.5	–	11	50	Sunny	–	.03	8	46	Showers
Clacton	4.1	–	8	47	Sunny pm	–	.37	8	48	Rain
Margate	–	–	7	45	Sunny	–	–	2	36	Bright
Folkestone	4.1	–	6	43	Sunny pm	–	.02	3	37	Snow
Hastings	3.7	–	4	39	Sunny pm	–	.06	6	43	Rain am
Eastbourne	3.0	–	5	41	Bright	–	–	3	37	Cloudy
Brighton	1.7	–	4	39	Bright	–	–	2	36	Snow pm
Worthing	1.5	–	5	41	Cloudy	–	–	6	43	Rain pm
Littlehampton	1.2	–	5	41	Cloudy	–	–	7	45	Rain pm
Bognor R	2.7	–	6	43	Brighter	0.1	.03	7	45	Rain
Southsea	2.4	–	8	46	Cloudy	–	.01	2	36	Snow
Shanklin	2.5	–	6	43	Cloudy	–	–	3	37	Snow
Bournemouth	0.3	–	7	45	Cloudy	–	.01	1	34	Snow pm
Poole	–	–	7	45	Cloudy	–	–	0	32	Snow pm
Swanage	0.6	–	7	45	Cloudy	–	.01	2	36	Snow
Weymouth	0.4	–	6	46	Cloudy	–	.17	-1	30	Snow
Exmouth	0.5	–	8	46	Cloudy	–	–	3	37	Cloudy
Torquay	0.1	.01	9	48	Showers	–	.03	1	34	Snow
Falmouth	–	.01	10	50	Gale pm	–	.15	7	45	Sleet pm
Penzance	–	.13	10	50	Gale	–	–	4	39	Rain pm
Jersey	5.0	.05	7	45	Sunny	–	.04	-1	30	Sunny
Guernsey	2.1	.02	8	46	Cloudy					
Shilly Isles	–	.27	9	48	Rain pm					
Newquay	–	.15	9	48	Rain					
Blackpool	–	.02	8	46	Showers					
Tenby	–	.37	8	48	Rain					
Scottsport	–	–	2	36	Bright					
Morecambe	–	.02	3	37	Snow					
Douglas	–	.06	6	43	Rain am					
London (Cen)	1.2	–	3	37	Cloudy					
Sthend (Airp)	–	–	2	36	Snow pm					
Bristol (Cen)	0.3	–	8	48	Rain pm					
Cardiff (Cen)	–	.05	7	45	Rain pm					
Anglesey	0.1	.03	7	45	Rain					
Prpool (Airp)	–	.01	2	36	Snow					
Manchester	–	–	3	37	Snow					
Nottingham	–	.01	1	34	Snow pm					
N'castle Tyne	–	–	0	32	Snow pm					
Carlisle	–	.01	2	36	Snow					
Edinburgh	–	.17	-1	30	Snow					
Prestwick	0.2	–	3	37	Cloudy					
Glasgow	–	.03	1	34	Snow					
Tiree	–	.15	7	45	Sleet pm					
Stornoway	–	–	4	39	Rain pm					
Lerwick	3.4	.06	-1	30	Sunny					

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sl, sleet; sn, snow.

	C	F		C	F
Belfast	f	5	41	Guernsey	c	5	41
Birmingham	f	-1	30	Inverness	f	-5	23
Blackpool	sn	-1	30	Jersey	c	5	41
Bristol	sn	2	36	London	s	1	34
Cardiff	sl	3	37	Manchester	sn	1	34
Edinburgh	c	1	34	Newcastle	f	-1	30
Glasgow	c	1	34	Rowaldsway	r	8	46

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 3C (37F); min 6 pm to 6 am, -3C (26F). Humidity: 6 pm, 68 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 1.2 hr. Bar: mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,011.6 millibars falling.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Gwennap Head, 10C (50F); lowest day max: Inverness, -3C (27F); highest rainfall: Tenby, 0.37in; highest sunshine: Jersey, 5.0hr.

Lighting-up time

TODAY
London 4.31 pm to 7.36 am
Bristol 4.41 pm to 7.48 am
Edinburgh 4.16 pm to 8.14 am
Manchester 4.39 pm to 7.56 am
Penzance 4.59 pm to 7.51 am

TOMORROW
London 4.32 pm to 7.36 am
Bristol 4.42 pm to 7.48 am
Edinburgh 4.19 pm to 8.14 am
Manchester 4.39 pm to 7.56 am
Penzance 5.00 pm to 7.51 am

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

	C	F		C	F
Alassio	r	14	57	Cologne	f	-2	28
Alicante	c	17	63	Copenhagen	c	-3	26
Amsterdam	c	7	45	Corfu	s	27	81
Athens	s	17	63	Dublin	s	9	48
Bahrain	s	18	64	Dubrovnik	r	14	57
Barbados	f	7	45	Funchal	r	18	61
Beirut				Geneva	c	-1	30
Belgrade	sn	2	36	Gibraltar	s	13	55
Berlin	s	-2	28	Helsinki	c	-12	10
Bermuda	f	22	72	Hong Kong	r	21	70
Biarritz	s	2	36	Innsbruck	f	-2	28
Bordeaux	s	1	34	Istanbul	s	15	59
Brussels	s	1	34	Jakarta	s	32	90
Budapest	c	-1	30	Jo'burg	s	27	81
Bulawayo	f	0	32	Karachi	s	23	73
Buenos Aires	r	28	79	Las Palmas	s	18	64
Cairo	c	21	70	Lisbon	s	8	46
Cape Tn	c	21	70	Locarno	c	5	41
Chicago	s	1	34	L'Angeles	c	17	63
Colombo	s	29	84	Luxembourg	s	-3	27
Gibraltar	s	17	63	Madrid	s	-2	28
Majorca	c	10	50
Malaga	s	14	57
Malta	s	16	61
Melbourne	c	22	81
Mexico C			
Miami			
Milan	r	5	41
Montreal	c	-6	21
Moscow	sl	1	34
Munich	sn	0	32
Nairobi	s	25	77
Naples	s	16	61
New Delhi	s	16	61
New York	s	4	39
Nice	c	13	55
Oslo	sn	-15	5
Paris	s	1	34
Peking	s	4	39
Perth	s	28	79
Prague	s	-4	25
Reykjavik	sn	1	34
Rhodes	s	19	66
Riyadh	s	18	61
Rio de Jan	f	28	79
Rome	r	14	57
Salzburg	s	0	32
Sao Paulo	c	25	77
S Francisco	r	7	45
Santiago	s	24	75
Seoul	s	1	34
Singapore	t	31	
Stockholm	s	-1	30
Strasbourg	s	-2	28
Sydney	f	28	82
Tangier	f	18	64
Tel Aviv	s	20	68
Tenerife	f	18	64
Tokyo	c	16	61
Toronto	sn	-5	23
Tunis	s	20	68
Valencia	r	9	48
Vancouver	r	2	36
Venice	f	3	37
Vienna	f	-1	30
Warsaw	s	-5	23
Washington	s	-7	45
Wellington	r	14	57
Zurich	f	-3	27

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